

The Smaller Branch Bank Building

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THE excellent system of our Canadian bank- \bot ing institutions is recognized as having played a great part in the steady progress and strong financial position of the Dominion at the present time. By encouraging the people to deposit their savings, however small, by loaning

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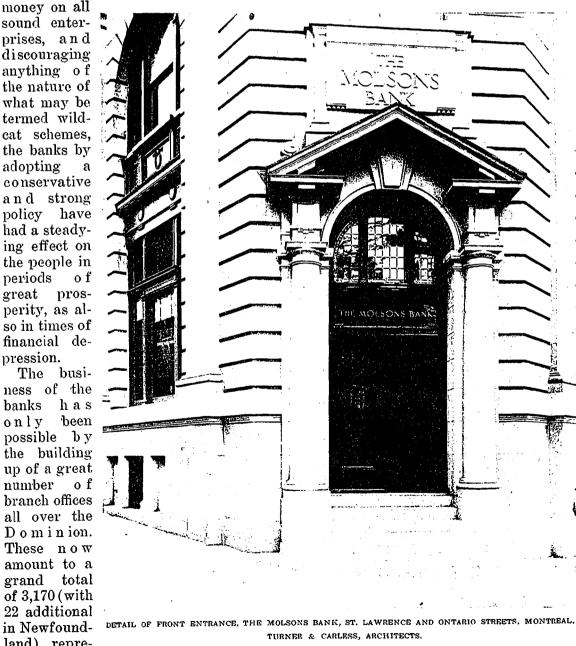
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with those of ten years ago. In 1906 the number of branches amounted to 1,565, or half as many as at the present time, and at the beginning of this century the number stood at 619 only for the whole Dominion. The enterprise of the 22 chartered banks of the Dominion is



shown whenever an d wherever an o p portunity for obtaining good business offers. by the opening of a branch office amongst a prosperous community, be it a thrifty settlement of farmers, ิม m a nufacturing district, or a military camp.

In a growtown ing which may be passing through little more than pioneer its stage, the name of one of the chartered banks Canada, of displayed on building. a however small or insignificant, in its first branch, gives at once an impression of

land), representing in round figures probably one office to every 2,600 inhabitants. One realizes the growth of these institutions in comparing these figures

solidity to the district, and also impresses with a feeling of confidence the hard-working community in whose centre office has been placed.