



The Smaller Branch Bank Building

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THE excellent system of our Canadian banking 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 money on all sound enterprises, and discouraging anything of the nature of what may be termed wild-cat schemes, the banks by adopting a conservative and strong policy have had a steady effect on the people in periods of great prosperity, as also in times of financial depression.

The business of the banks has only been possible by the building up of a great number of branch offices all over the Dominion. These now amount to a grand total of 3,170 (with 22 additional in Newfoundland), representing in round figures probably one office to every 2,600 inhabitants. One realizes the growth of these institutions in comparing these figures

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 and wherever an opportunity for obtaining good business offers, by the opening of a branch office amongst a prosperous community, be it a thrifty settlement of farmers, a manufacturing district, or a military camp.

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

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



DETAIL OF FRONT ENTRANCE, THE MOLSONS BANK, ST. LAWRENCE AND ONTARIO STREETS, MONTREAL. TURNER & CARLESS, ARCHITECTS.