

Distinguished Dr. John Ralph, who attained fame and notoriety by his connection with the uprising of 1837, and who died some years ago in Mitchell. The late Mr. James Young was afterwards the agent. The bank closed after an existence of about ten or twelve years. The next bank agency was that of the Bank of Commerce, which was established in the year 1857. The first agent was Mr. A. H. Ireland, the next Mr. W. Gray, and then Mr. W. Maynard, who is still manager, and who is the oldest bank manager in the city. Besides the bank agencies mentioned,

we had a building Society which was organized in 1845, and continued in operation for about twenty years. Then we had another building society which opened out for business in 1860, and the late Mr. John A. Scott, father of Mr.

Lincoln Scott, Merchant, was the president. It had a brief existence of four or five years. The British Mortgage Loan Co., and the Stratford Building and Loan Co., are the only two loan companies in operation now in our city, Mr. W. Buckingham being Manager of the former, and Mr. D. B. Hurritt the Manager of the latter.

It will thus be seen that Stratford is well represented by financial institutions, all well worthy of public confidence.



THE STRATFORD MORTGAGE.