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THE BANKS AND THE MONEY STRINGENCY.

In last week's issue of THE DISPATCH there appeared an interesting article entitled a "Reply to the Article on Banks and the Money Stringency" in which the writer gives a general denial of the statement that hundreds of thousands of dollars of local money has been diverted to other than local needs.

If our correspondent wishes to convince the business community that the above statement is not true, he will have to advance a more substantial argument than anything he has yet said. If he is in a position to know, let him state the amount of money on deposit with the three local banks, and the total amount of their loans to this community. But until such time as he can take our readers fully into his confidence, his general denials will not be seriously taken.

There is a very general opinion among the business men that there is a wholly disproportionate amount of savings of this locality loaned in distant centres. And the point of our former article was that a fair share of our own money should be loaned for the development of our own trade and industries. It is not the "casuals" alone who have met with a check; but customers also, some of whom are the bone and sinew of our local trade.

But why labor the point. It is a matter of common knowledge that such restrictions of local loans have been ordered from head offices, and there is general outcry against their arbitrary treatment of their customers.

The problem is by no means confined to our own community. It is complained by the man on the street, by correspondents in the newspapers, and by members in parliament, that banks have been consistently discriminating against smaller towns. One member recently in a debate upon this question accused "the banks for collecting money in rural sections and sending it to the financial centres of Canada and New York, thus the rural sections were drained of money needed for industrial development in order that banks might get high interest on call loans in Wall street." In September last, it was said the Canadian banks had sixty-three million dollars out on call loans on Wall street." If the policy of exhausting country places of their means, and sacrificing their industrial life, be continued, public sentiment will become sufficiently enlightened some day to demand remedial legislation, or it will create new and more profitable investments for the saving of country places.

THE COURT AS A MORAL CENSOR.

If the particulars already given in the public press concerning the crime committed at Upper Knoxford have any foundation in fact, a prisoner is to be brought tomorrow before the Magistrate's court in this town under a charge which is horrible beyond conception. A word touching the judicial proceedings in this sad and revolting case may not be necessary. Doubtless the authorities have no other intention than to conduct the examination behind closed doors. It is obvious there is no reason why any other other course should be pursued. If ever there is cause for holding a court in camera, in the interest of public morality, truly it is to be found in the character of this crime. The deplorable aspect of the problem is that instead of being sickened at the mere thought of it all, boys and men of all ages will be found crowding to the gruesome sight and ravenously devouring every unclean morsel of evidence put before the court. And there are newspapers that will eagerly seize this opportunity for printing columns of mischievous matter for their readers, as if they were fulfilling the highest offices of journalism. It is contrary to good morality that any portion of this trial should now or at any future time be given to the public. We believe the people have had enough of this sort of thing in the criminal trials here of the past few years, and the action of the court in excluding everybody except those directly connected with the legal proceedings will meet with the cordial thanks of all right minded citizens.

THE REFORM MOVEMENT.

A Provincial Reform Society embracing all Christian Churches has been recently organized in St. John with His Lordship Bishop Richardson as Honorary President.

The aim of this society is to secure concerted action of Christian denominations in as many works of moral reform as the convention can unanimously agree in undertaking. It is believed this is a step towards the establishment of a united Catholic Society and greatly increasing the prestige and influence of the Christian Church for righteousness.

As we go to press, a meeting of the Protestant clergy throughout this county is being held in the council chamber of

the town hall for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary Society to the Provincial Reform Association. The letter calling the convention speaks significantly as to its immediate purpose:

"We are certain" it says in part "that as a public leader and teacher in morality and religion you have sincerely regretted the methods of political corruption and bribery that heretofore prevailed, in both parties, in our County. This evil is an enemy alike to citizenship and good government, to morality and religion."

The clergy of Woodstock feel that it is imperative upon us, in a united way to grapple with this evil of our political system. We believe that the time is especially opportune, not only because of the approaching election, but, also, because action of similar character has already been taken in several other portions of the Province with good results. The revolt against this national evil is deep and wide spread and the spirit of reform is growing.

In co-operation with this organization we are asking every clergyman in the county to meet in convention in the Town Council rooms Woodstock on Tuesday 10th at 2 p. m., to perfect a county organization of the Social Reform movement if desirable, or to co-operate otherwise in an effort to secure the triumph of honesty and obedience to law in the forthcoming election. We are asking you along with every other clergyman of the county to meet with us as a member of this Convention, and following the method of the Reform movement, that you select two persons from your pastorate, who have this cause at heart and who will be willing to place good citizenship and personal and public morality above party advantage, to meet with us as members of the Convention. It is unnecessary to mention at this time the possible courses of action that are open to us; but we feel sure that you will recognize the importance of this matter and at least co-operate to the extent of attending and discussing this matter in convention on February 10th. It is open for us to give valuable aid to each other in this noble work and by united action to accomplish what is impossible for any individual or church."

The public will await with a good deal of interest the outcome of this convention.

HARTLAND and VICINITY.

Hartland office in charge of Fred. H. Stevens, at EVERETT'S AGENCY, where orders for Advertising, Printing and Items for publication may be left.

Next summer will see the erection on Main street, Hartland, of one of the finest blocks of brick buildings in the county. Keith & Plummer, Franklin Clark and Horace R. Nixon will each build a three-story building, the three forming a solid block.

John S. Leighton, jr., was in Hartland on Saturday.

T. J. Hurley and Frank Clark were in Woodstock on business Saturday.

Magazines, daily papers and the DISPATCH always on sale at Estey & Curtis.

A man paralyzed, unable to walk, visited Hartland last week. He was endeavouring to earn his own living by selling lead pencils, and seemed to drive a brisk trade as he engaged an army of small boys to sell on commission for him. The man depends on his more able-bodied brother men to carry him about when he desires to shift his location. He hails from the North Shore and has been along through the St. John Valley on other trips.

Donald Innes of Tobique River has been at Ottawa in attendance at the annual meeting of the Seed Growers' Association.

Messrs George Upham and N. S. Dow and Solicitor General Jones addressed the elector at Hartland last Tuesday evening, and the same speakers with the addition of F. B. Carvell, M. P., held a meeting at Victoria on the next evening.

Reed Chase is spending a few weeks with his mother and sisters in Portland, Me.

George L. Holyoke, Woodstock, was here on Friday.

Mrs. Earle Jackson of Houlton, Me., has been visiting Mrs. C. Humphrey Taylor. Mrs. Jackson was formerly Miss Ethel McCormack and by that name is known to many in this vicinity, she having conducted Mr. Taylor's millinery department a few years ago.

For a good trade in fertilizers of all grades and the favorite brands, have a talk with Keith & Plummer.

E. B. Seeley, representing A. L. Goodwin, St. John, was in Hartland on Friday.

George Gilmore and J. F. Milbury of Esdraelon, were in the village last week.

Guy Sipprell of Woodstock is spending a few days with his parents at Victoria Corner and his brother at Hartland.

Mrs. I. B. Curtis was quite ill last week but has recovered.

W. R. Gillen returned last week from Toronto where he has been buying live stock.

Among the travellers registered lately at the Exchange Hotel were: George D. Ellis, St. John; D. L. Chryster, Brantford; H. J. Currie, Campbellton; J. C. Bashaw, J. D. J. McDonald, Montreal; T. B. Armour, Berlin; Geo. H. Middleton, Galt.

C. Humphrey Taylor, who has been in rather poor health all winter, was confined to his house two or three days last week.

Lath-sawing has begun at the mill at Upper Brighton.

Oaslow Miller returned from the Resti-

gouche on Friday.

A letter from E. Alexander dated at Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30, says farmers were then planting potatoes. He reports himself as improving in health.

Squire Albert Orser and Mrs. Orser have returned from two months spent in camp on the Miramichi. Both are in splendid health.

James Kelley of St. Thomas has been in poor health all winter.

S. L. Syper, Woodstock, was in Hartland on Friday.

Frank Gardiner, Florenceville, was in the village on Friday.

The report that came from Murdoch and McCollom's camp on the Restigouche stating that smallpox had broken out among the men, is entirely without foundation in fact.

Sam Woh Fong, the laundryman, announces his intention of selling out to another Chinaman. The village cannot get along well without Sam, who is none of your "heathen Chinese" type but a quiet, well behaved christian of the Presbyterian faith.

Rev. S. H. Rice, formerly pastor of the Methodist church here, and now residing at Moncton, and Mrs. Rice are visiting their son, Rev. H. C. Rice.—Newcastle cor.

Deputy Sheriff A. R. Foster, of Carleton county, arrived in the city Thursday evening with a patient for the provincial hospital. He left for home again yesterday morning—Telegraph.

On Sunday the wing-plow was run over the road for the first time this season. It was pushed by two engines and its office on this occasion was to widen the road and to plough out the sidings.

The meetings in the Reformed Baptist and the United Baptist churches continue with good results.

Miss Tillie Shaw of Simonds entered the hospital at Woodstock and on Monday underwent an operation.

The DISPATCH correspondent will be obliged if those having telephones will call 13 11 when an item of news occurs to mind.

Don't forget the big Opposition Rally in Hagerman & Baird's hall next Saturday evening. The candidates and other speakers will be present. Everybody, including ladies, are cordially invited.

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During February Keith & Plummer will dispose of all their fur goods and heavy winter clothing at 20 per cent discount. This means a \$12 suit of \$9.60, or a \$20 garment for \$15, etc. Better buy now even though you may not need the goods until next season. Bargains like these aren't offered all the year round.

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