

AROUND THE CITY

Bank Clearings. Total bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were \$2,272,787.

Police Called Upon. Th police were called into a Britain street residence last night to settle a disagreement between the owner of the house and a visitor.

Temperance Rally. In the Christadelphian Hall last evening a large number interested in the temperance cause attended a rally held in the interest of temperance.

Board of Health Estimates. A special meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon to make up the estimates for the current year.

The Fish Market. There is a good supply of fish for the buyers today. The price of salt fish oysters and clams remains about the same while the quotations on other fish are as follows: cod 6 cents; halibut 15 cents; fresh shad, 20 to 35 cents; smelt, 12 cents; mackerel 25 to 35 cents; dore, 12 cents; white fish 15 cents; blue fish 18 cents; butter fish 15 cents; weak fish 15 cents; herling 24 to 30 cents; salmon 18 to 25 cents; bladders 24 cents dozen; lobsters 18 to 60 cents each.

The Imperial Re-Union. The administrators of the Imperial Reunion fund have several applications from parties who want assistance to bring their claims before the old country.

Looking for More Farms. Secretary Gilchrist of the Farm Settlement Board is in Westmorland and Kings county looking over the titles of farms which the board propose to buy for intending settlers.

Ontario Takes Our Potatoes. The potato growers of New Brunswick have reason to congratulate themselves this winter that the reciprocity pact was not adopted.

Adopting County Bills. A bill providing for the creation of a commission to manage the proposed municipal sanatorium for consumptives was adopted by the bills committee of the county council at a meeting yesterday.

FROM WEST TO EAST. Another Western company, the Canadian Home Investment Co., has decided to make St. John its head office for the Maritime Provinces.

WHITENEAR OPENING. AT M. R. A.'s. Visitors to this exposition of the season's smartest and prettiest effects in lingerie are unanimous in the opinion that the exhibit is the finest of any previous opening.

PERSONALS. Ex-Aid. McGoldrick has gone to Fredericton, having been called there by the serious illness of his uncle, Frank McGoldrick.

Band at the Victoria Rink tonight. The St. John Valley-Quebec Railway Company has given orders for 16,000 tons of 60 pound rails to be delivered in June and July.

HOLDS HIGH OPINION OF THE FUTURE OF ST. JOHN

Saskatoon Real Estate Man Says the Best West Holds no Brighter Opportunities than Can be Found in this City and Province--Some Good Advice.

"With the amount of capital which is being expended in development in and around St. John and with the increased prosperity which I can foresee will follow the harbor development, this city and the province of New Brunswick generally has exceptional opportunity for those of its citizens who can read the signs and despite all that is said of the west, and granting the growth there is remarkable, I doubt if the prairie provinces offer any better chances than you have right at home here."

In the course of an interesting conversation with a Standard reporter in the Royal Hotel yesterday afternoon Mr. McDonald gave evidence of a confidence in his native province such as many present natives cannot boast. He is an enthusiast as regards the western provinces, but at the same time holds that New Brunswick offers many opportunities which the west does not possess, and which, if they were fully appreciated by New Brunswickers would deter many from going to the prairie provinces.

ELKS IN FINE NEW QUARTERS. Wellington Row Residence, Formerly Occupied by Judge Armstrong, has been Purchased and Splendidly Fitted.

The Order of Elks have about settled down in their new home on Wellington Row and it is doubtful if there are more comfortable quarters in the province. The building was formerly the property of Judge J. R. Armstrong and in addition to purchasing the residence with an 80 foot frontage on Wellington Row with a lawn, the Elks have purchased the property extending 170 feet in the rear which takes in a large lawn and stables which front on Peel street.

HEATER CAR BURNS NEAR SAND POINT YESTERDAY MORNING. West Side Firemen Have Two Hours Fight with Blaze--The Fire Alarm Not in Working Order.

DINED ON LEAVING FOR NEW POSITION. Staff of J. M. Humphrey & Co. Tender Dinner to George A. Gambin, who Changes Employment.

George A. Gambin who, for the past nine years, has been a valued employe in the office of the J. M. Humphrey and Co., has severed his connection with that firm to take charge of the office of Jones and Schofield and will enter on his new duties the first of next week.

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An agitation has been started by the residents of Douglas Avenue with a view to having the street improved and beautified. The idea is to follow the example of the residents of Germain street in petitioning the city to boulevard the avenue under the provisions of the local improvement act adopted by the legislature at the instance of the city council some time ago.

At the regular meeting of the St. John Art Club last evening a lecture on art and its relation to town planning was given by W. F. Burditt. Brodie presided and a large number of members heard the lecture with interest.

PLANS FOR MAKING CITY BEAUTIFUL. W. F. Burditt Entertains Art Club with Lecture on Art in Relation to Town Planning.

ATTEMPT TO HAUL SCHOONER ESKIMO FROM REEF FAILS. Tug Wasson Twice Broke Ninety Foot Hawser in Attempt to Float Vessel--Two Feet More Needed.

The tug Wasson which left port yesterday morning for Musquash to attempt to tow the schooner Eskimo off the reef of which she ran during the great storm of a few days ago, returned to the harbor last evening and reported the failure of the endeavor.

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