

WEEK'S TRADE REVIEWED.

The Markets Have Been Busy, With a Fair Prospect of Continued Firmness.

Bradstreet's and Dun's Review of the Six Day's Dealings—Bank Clearances.

New York, Sept. 27.—The Evening Post's special London cablegram says: "The conclusion of the stock exchange settlement to-day caused a good demand for money, owing to the heavy settlement in mines. The markets were good, especially mines and Americans. In the latter there is a large investment business here. Reading lives are in favor of the reorganization rumors. Prices closed at near the best. The general outlook for speculation is still good, though the mines market is certainly too wild and suggests trouble, though probably not at present."

There was a further contraction of the volume of speculation to-day, but the pronounced character of the home market was as clearly marked as heretofore. Apprehension of further large gold exports in the near future was the chief influence in the trading and had an unsettling effect on the speculative mind. Money is relatively higher in Germany than in London or New York, and a large debit to Great Britain on various accounts enables London to transfer the burden of gold shipments to Germany this country. This demand for currency at United States interior points reflects a freer movement of grain and cotton and this condition is expected to be soon more distinctly evidenced in the exchange market. The principal topic of change market. The principal topic of change market. The principal topic of change market.

Bradstreet's report the week's total bank clearings in the Dominion as follows: Montreal, \$10,778,314; decrease, 10.8. Toronto, \$5,537,222; increase, 11.9. Halifax, \$1,268,770; increase, 6.5. Winnipeg, \$2,208,930; decrease, 10.6. Hamilton, \$861,079; increase, 21. Totals, \$19,233,524; decrease, 5.5.

R. C. Dun's review says: The full statement of about 2800 commercial failures for the third quarter of 1895 will be published next week, and will show liabilities of about \$30,000,000, of which about \$11,000,000 have been of manufacturing and \$17,000,000 of trading concerns. The speculation in cotton has lifted the price 5¢ during the past week and quotations here are so much higher than at Liverpool, that free exports cannot be expected. It seems no longer possible to hope for a good crop, and Neil Bros. have issued a circular predicting a yield of only seven million bushels. The accounts of injury and loss grow more dismal each week and while they may be somewhat exaggerated, the outlook is decidedly unfavorable. But for the extraordinary supplies carried over from last year, the market here and abroad would be in trouble. But prices of goods rise each week, adding to the profits of the mills, which on both sides of the ocean can use for some time to come old cotton bought at low prices. There is a general feeling of apprehension that the manufacturer at the present rate, and at present prices for goods, though the demand from dealers is naturally urgent, while the market for the raw material is constantly rising. There is a general feeling of apprehension that the manufacturer at the present rate, and at present prices for goods, though the demand from dealers is naturally urgent, while the market for the raw material is constantly rising.

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The handsome residence of Archer Martin on Regent's Park heights has been completed and occupied. It is a creditable addition to the handsome residences of the city. The site, commanding, as it does the best view in the city, was an admirable one, and for it Architect A. C. Ewart designed a structure which is greatly admired. The house was so placed primarily as to take advantage of the view from the principal apartments. The rooms are large, well lighted and well aired, there has been no waste of space, and every convenience known to modern building has been put in. The building has been completed in good season and Mr. Martin has been more than pleased with the work done for him.

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PROVINCIAL HEALTH ACT.

Board of Health to be Established for the Whole Province.

The Health Act passed by the provincial legislature in 1883 comes into effect to-day, the proclamation of an Hon. Governor having appeared in last evening's Gazette. The act provides for a board of health to consist of five members, one of whom shall be secretary. They are to be appointed by the government and are to receive such remuneration as shall be fixed by the Lieut-Governor-in-Council. The chairman of the board is to be appointed by the Lieut-Governor-in-Council, and he will be the chief health officer of the province. His salary is not to exceed \$5000 a year and the secretary's not more than \$2500. The municipal boards of health are placed under the provincial board, and if they do not carry out the orders of the provincial board the latter may practically take charge of the health and sanitary affairs of the city and exercise and enforce at the expense of the city, any of the powers of the local board which they think necessary.

The board is empowered to make such regulations as they think necessary, subject to the approval of the government, and require the city board to carry them out. Sanitary police may be appointed by municipalities, to be paid by the municipalities. If municipal by-laws shall conflict with the regulations of the board, it is provided that the by-laws shall be suspended. The board may also issue regulations for taking charge of any lands or buildings in any municipality, compensation, if any, is to be paid the owner by the municipality.

No city or company is allowed to establish a public water supply or system of sewerage without first submitting the plan for the approval of the board of health. No sewer, or appliance for the ventilation of the same, shall be constructed in violation of any of the principles laid down by the provincial board of health, subject to appeal to the Lieut-Governor-in-Council.

The board may order any municipality to appoint a registered medical practitioner as health officer, and if the request is not granted within five days the Lieut-Governor may appoint one, upon the recommendation of the board.

The second part of the act applies to local boards, how they shall be organized, their duties and the regulations which they shall impose.

When before the legislature the bill was strenuously opposed by the city members.

The men appointed to form the new provincial board are Dr. John C. Davis of Victoria, Dr. J. M. Lefevre of Vancouver, Dr. Richard E. Walker of New Westminster, Dr. Louis F.