

COMMERCIAL

MONTREAL, March 14th, 1883. The local grain market this week has advanced a couple of cents all round in sympathy with the English market.

MEALS.—Slightly higher. Oatmeal \$5.25 to \$5.50 for Ontario, and \$5.50 for granulated. Cornmeal \$4.50 per brl.

FLOUR.—Fine grades a month ago advanced to figures, that could not be maintained. This had no doubt something to do with the dulness of the market for some time past.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter. There is no change whatever in the market, sales are small and almost entirely for local use.

HOG PRODUCE.—The market is extremely quiet with no change in quotations.—Canada, short cut, \$22.00 to \$22.50; Western, \$21.50 to \$22.00; Lard, in pails, 14c to 14 1/2c; Hams, city cured, 14c; Bacon, 13 1/2c to 14c; Dressed Hogs, \$8.40 to \$8.60 in car lots; \$8.50 to \$8.75 in small bunches.

ASHES.—Steady at \$5.05 to \$5.10 for posts.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The snowstorm and drifted roads with numerous cabots in them have deterred the farmers from bringing their produce to the city markets lately, and although dealers and jobbers have considerable stocks on hand, yet prices of most kinds are advancing.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Owing to one cause or another the supply of beef cattle continues very light on the markets, and although the Lentine season is better observed than usual, so far as eating fish is concerned, yet prices of nearly all kinds of meat and poultry have an upward tendency.

The offering of cattle this week, have not only been light, but the quality also was not up to last week, yet prices are if anything higher. Pretty good steers and heifers, sold at 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c per lb.

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ARTIFICIAL BUTTER IN ENGLAND.

No record is kept of the quantity of artificial butter imported into England, and it appears that a close analysis is necessary to distinguish the real article from the false. "This," says Secretary Jenkins, of the Royal Agricultural Society in England, "is unfortunate, as I feel convinced that if the amount could be ascertained it would startle every eye by its magnitude. In 1879, the importations of foreign butter amounted to about 2,000,000 cwt., of which 655,000 came from the Netherlands. Probably one half of this was artificial butter, and if we estimate the quantity that is imported under its right name at about 200,000 cwt., we get a total of 500,000 cwt. No doubt this is pure gossamer work; but if it be considered that there are manufacturers of artificial butter who send to England from sixty to eighty tons per week, in fact, the three largest in Holland send between them about 200,000 cwt. per annum, and there are at least fifty or sixty factories in the country—the quantity just estimated may be regarded as within the mark. The effect of this competition upon the British dairy farmer is very serious. Last winter I was informed by a large factor that if it had not been for the importations of artificial butter the price of good fresh butter in London would have been at least 2s. 6d. per pound. Good artificial butter is much more palatable than had real butter, and is quite as wholesome; and if it were sold for what it is, instead of for what it is not, neither the farmer nor the consumer could complain."

ANOTHER WRECK.—A few days ago a middle-aged man named John Maher, who had studied for the priesthood, was brought before the Toronto Police Court for drunkenness. He pleaded guilty and then said, in the bitterness of his soul, to the Magistrate: "The best thing you can do with me is to hang me, as I am a nuisance to myself and to society." The drink trade in Canada is yearly manufacturing hundreds of just such wrecks.

AN APPLE IN PERFECT PRESERVATION, although ninety-six years old, is in possession of a gentleman in Ulster county. As it rounded up from the blossom of the parent stem in the early summer of 1787 a bottle was drawn over it and attached to the branch, and after the apple had ripened the stem was severed and the bottle sealed tightly. It looks as fresh as when first plucked.

FRANCIS MURPHY, the temperance talker, is now in Scotland, and writes home that "the work goes on grandly" there. He expects to return to this country soon—possibly next month, certainly not later than May.

I AM SO FAR from being worn out in temperance work that I was never more active in it than now, and so far am I from any intention of retiring that I was never before so full of heart, hope, and confident expectation of success in the near future.—Neal Dow.

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON XIII.

March 25, 1883. [Acts 1:1-9:4.]

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."—ACTS 4:33.

Singing. Lesson 1. Superintendent.—What parting command did our Saviour give his apostles?

School.—That they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father: 1:4.

Supt.—What was the promise? School.—Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence: 1:5.

School.—How is his ascension described? School.—While they beheld he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight: 1:9.

II. Supt.—How was the parting promise fulfilled? School.—They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance: 2:4.

III. Supt.—What question did the people ask the apostles? School.—Men and brethren, what shall we do? 2:37.

Supt.—What was Peter's answer? School.—Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins: 2:38.

IV. Supt.—What did Peter say to the lame man? School.—In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk: 3:6.

Supt.—What did the lame man do? School.—He leaping up stood, and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God: 3:8.

Singing. V. Supt.—What power of Jesus did Peter say had produced this wonderful effect? School.—His name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: 3:16.

VI. Supt.—Why did the rulers arrest the apostles? School.—Being grieved that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead: 4:3.

Supt.—What effect upon the council had Peter's defence? School.—Beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it: 4:14.

VII. Supt.—What command did they give the apostles? School.—They commanded them not to speak at all nor to teach in the name of Jesus: 4:18.

Supt.—What did Peter and John reply? School.—We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard: 4:20.

VIII. Supt.—What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira? School.—He sold a possession and kept back a part of the price his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet: 5:2.

Supt.—What did Peter say to him? School.—Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie unto the Holy Ghost? 5:3.

Supt.—How was he punished? School.—Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: 5:5.

Singing. IX. Supt.—How were the apostles delivered from prison? School.—The angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors and brought them forth: 5:19.

Supt.—What did the high priest say to them when they were again arrested? School.—Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? 5:28.

Supt.—What did the apostles reply? School.—We must obey God rather than men: 5:29.

X. Supt.—What false witness was borne against Stephen before the council? School.—This man saith not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law: 6:13.

Supt.—What was his appearance when thus accused? School.—All that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel: 6:15.

XI. Supt.—What was done with him? School.—They stoned Stephen, calling upon God and saying Lord Jesus, receive my spirit: 7:59.

Supt.—How did he die? School.—He kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep: 7:60.

Singing. Review drill on titles, Topics, Golden Texts etc.

Singing.

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