

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 10th, 1883.

Grain market is very quiet. Canada White Winter \$1.05 to \$1.06; Canada Red \$1.06 to \$1.08; Canada Spring, \$1.05 to \$1.07. Peas, 90c per 66 lbs. Barley, 60c to 70c per bushel. Oats, 34c to 35c. Rye 56c to 58c per bushel.

Flour.—The market is still quiet with small sales price the same as last week. Quotations are as follows:—Superior Extra, \$4.75; Extra Superior, \$4.60 to \$4.65; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.55 to \$4.60; Superfine, \$4.40; Strong Bakers', Canadian, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Strong Bakers', American, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Fine, \$3.90 to \$4.10; Middlings, \$3.70 to \$3.80; Pollards, \$3.50; Ontario bags, medium, \$2.25 to \$2.30; do. Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do. Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$3.15 to \$3.20.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$5.10 to \$5.40. Cornmeal nominal.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter.—The market is quiet with slightly better demand than last week. Quotations:—Creamery, fresh made, fine flavored, extra, 26c to 27c; do., good to fine, 23c to 25c; Eastern Townships, 20c to 22c; Morrisburg, 18c to 21c; Brockville, 7c to 20c; Western, 10c to 18c. Add 2c per lb. to all of the above for the jobbing trade. Cheese firm, little doing.—10 1/2c to 11c for August, and 12 1/2c to 13c for grade September and October; common grades, 7c to 9c.

Eggs.—Quiet at 26c to 28c according to quality and freshness.

HOG PRODUCTS are slightly firmer but still quiet. We quote:—Western Pork, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Canada short cut, \$22; Harris, city cured, 15c to 15 1/2c; do. canvassed, 16c to 16 1/2c; Bacon, 14c to 15c; Lard, in pails, 13c to 14c; Hogs, \$8.60 to \$8.70 per 100 lbs.

DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.—The market is slightly weaker, the demand having fallen off. We quote:—Turkeys, 10c to 12c; Geese, 8c to 10c; Ducks, 9c to 11c; Chickens, 8c to 10c per lb.; Partridges, 7c to 8c per brace; Hares, 25c per couple; Venison, carcasses, 2c to 9c; do. hind-quarters, 9c to 10c per lb.

ASHES.—Pots, firm at \$5 to \$5.05. Pearls nominal.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There has been fewer beef cattle offered this week than for a long time past and as the butchers are pretty well through with their holiday supply of dressed beef, they have to pay advanced rates, or about one-fourth of a cent per lb live weight, all round. Superior steers and heifers bring from 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c per lb; pretty large fat cows and fair-conditioned steers bring about 5c and somewhat rough steers and ordinary dry cows about 4c per lb. Rough bulls in fair condition, 3 1/2c to 4c per lb and lean stock about 3c do. Very few sheep are brought to market now, as the butchers are pretty well supplied with frozen mutton. Milch cows are getting more plentiful and slightly lower priced, yet choice large cows bring from \$70 to \$80 each and pretty good milkers from \$50 to \$60 each, while ordinary-sized cows sell at about \$40 each. Live hogs sell at about 6 1/2c per lb and dressed hogs at 8 1/2c do.

FARMERS' MARKET.

There has been a rather slim attendance of farmers at the markets since the new year began and the only kinds of produce which are plentifully supplied are oats and hay, and prices of these are easy and hay is still declining, as the people from the south side of the St. Lawrence can now bring their hay across the ice to the market here. Dead poultry continue very high-priced and likely to continue so throughout the season. Geese and turkeys are at present from four to six cents per lb dearer than at this time last year. The weather has been rather cold for potatoes to be brought any distance to market and prices are firm. Cabbages are also advancing in value, owing to the demand for shipment to the United States. Oats and potatoes are 70c to 90c per bag; pease, 85c to 81c per bushel; buckwheat, 60c do. Dressed hogs, \$8.75 to \$9.25 per cwt. beef forequarters, 4c to 5c per lb and hind-quarters 5c to 7c do. Geese 11c to 13c per lb; turkeys 11c to 16c do; tub butter 18c to 25c do; print butter 25c to 40c do; packed eggs 28c to 35c per dozen; fresh-laid eggs 40c to 50c do. Hay, \$7 to \$10.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs; straw \$3.50 to \$5 per 100 bundles of 12 lbs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9th, 1883.

GRAIN.—Following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, \$1.11; Jan., \$1.13; Feb., \$1.15; March, \$1.17; April, \$1.17; May, Corn 69c cash, 6 1/2c Jan., 6 1/2c Feb., 6 1/4c May. Oats, 46c cash, 46c Jan., 46c Feb., 46c March, 46c May.

Rye, Western, no sales. We quote: Canada, in bond, 70c to 71c; State, 71 1/2 to 72c. Peas—Canada field, 85c to 90c; green peas, \$1.35; black-eyed Southern, \$2.90 per two bushel bag. Buckwheat, 75c.

FLOUR.—Low Extra, \$3.75 to \$4.25; Superfine, no sales for Spring, \$3.40 to \$3.70 for Winter; Western Spring Clear Extra, \$5.25 to \$5.65; Poor to Choice Fancy, held at \$6.75 to \$7.25; Inferior Clear Extra, \$5.15 to \$5.40; Straight Extra, \$5.50 to \$6.00, up to \$6.25 for Choices, and \$7.25 to \$7.35 for Choice to Fancy; Patent Extra, \$6.25 to \$7.40; Choice Fancy Family Extra, \$6.40 to \$6.75; Buckwheat Flour, \$2.35 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. Sales 175 bags.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Coarse, \$5.75 to \$7.00 per lb. Cornmeal, Brandywine \$3.75 to \$3.90; City Sackd, coarse, per 100 lbs, \$1.20 to \$1.22; Fine white, \$1.40 to \$1.45; Fine Yellow, no sales. Corn flour, \$4.25 to \$4.75. Grits \$4.25 to \$4.75.

BEEF.—Market quiet but steady. We quote: \$12.00 for plain mess; \$13.00 for extra mess; \$12.50 for plate; \$14 for extra plate; \$25 to \$27.50 for city extra India mess and \$15 to \$15.50 for packet.

BEEF HAMS.—Steady market at \$18.00 to \$18.50.

BACON.—The Chicago market prices are, loose long clear, \$8.60; short clear, 9c; short rib, 8.75c; shoulders, 6.15c; boxed long clear, 8.85c; short clear, 9c; short rib, 8.95c; shoulders, 6.40c.

CUTMEATS.—Sales still reported small. We quote: 9c to 10c for pickled bellies; 8 to 8 1/2c for pickled shoulders; 11c to 11 1/2c for pickled hams; 9c for smoked shoulders; 13c to 13 1/2c for smoked hams.

DRESSED HOGS.—Hogs at 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c and market pigs at 8 1/2c a shade firmer.

PORK.—Improved demand, \$18.25 to \$18.50 for new mess; \$14.00 to \$14.50 for extra prime, \$18 to \$18.50 for family.

LARD.—Fair demand for home use. We quote 10 1/2c for Western steers, and 10 1/4c for city.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine, sales brisker at 11 to 11 1/4. Oleomargarine, 9 1/2c to 10c; no sales.

TALLOW.—Receipts large and improved sales at 8c to 8 1/2c for prime; not quoted for packages.

MEAT STOCK.—Western heavy wethers, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c per lb; Jersey and near-by 5c to 5 1/2c. Spring lambs, 6c to 7 1/2c. Live calves, State, fair to prime, 7c to 10c; Jersey, 8c, 10c; butter-milk fed, 5c to 6 1/2c; grassers, 4 1/2c to 5c. Dressed veal, from 10c to 11c, for poor to fair, to 13c to 13 1/2c for choice.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, \$22 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, \$18 to \$19; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, \$18; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$17; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$16.50 to \$17; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$16.50 to \$17; rye feed at \$20 per ton; barley feed, \$23.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, per lb., prime, 12 1/2c; fancy, 12 1/2 to 13c; timothy, \$1.85 to \$2.05 per bushel; domestic flaxseed, \$1.28 to \$1.30; Calcutta linseed, \$1.80 nominal.

A PROHIBITION KING.

The Rev. Mr. Doane writes from the island Ponape, to the *Missionary Herald*, of some energetic measures, which are sorely needed in many Western countries.

"It is a matter of joy we have so good a king in this tribe. Years since a very Saul, now he is a teachable, growing Christian. But almost all foreigners make a howl when he is spoken of as a Christian. They doubt his piety, and mainly because years since, when a pure heathen, he killed a native. Then he could drink and minister to the lusts of these foreigners, and do any other mean thing. He has thoroughly turned from this. He will not allow any liquor to be made by his tribe; a thorough-going 'Maine-law man' in this. He is willing, too, to apply the law to some who lead captive silly women. He wants good order in the tribe, and, I am glad to say, has largely

secured it. But they who think such a man cannot be a Christian, view all that he does as being done 'for a purpose.' But we think much of the man, and are free to say, if all the tribes of Ponape had such men as rulers, it would be a vastly better island than it is.

"A nest of rum makers and drinkers was recently attacked by this same king. The place for vents had been known as one of the hard dark places of this tribe. Recently these rum makers had a carouse, with some fighting. The king at once sent off his force—policemen—to break up the still. The owner showed fight. As he was being put into irons, his wife, too, drew the knife, but she was handcuffed. This nest of evil men thought themselves stronger than any king. But he captured them, set them at work on the highway, and they have learned that it is better to obey than resist, and are thoroughly cowed. Oh, for more of this power in and over other 'dark places in Ponape.'"

THOMAS CARLYLE'S SOW.

Carlyle told a story of two horses, illustrative of the sense of humor in animals. Carlyle had a vicious old sow, which was the terror and the tyrant of the barnyard. One day Carlyle was smoking his pipe outside his front door when he heard shrieks of rage and agony combined from the back of the house. He went round to see what was the matter. A deep drain had been opened across the yard, the bottom of which was stiff clay. Into this, by some unlucky curiosity, the sow had been tempted to descend, and being there found a difficulty in getting out. The horses were loosed. The pony saw the opportunity—the sow was struggling to extricate herself. The pony stood over her, and at each effort cuffed her back again, with a stroke of the fore hoof. The sow was screaming now more from fury than pain. Larry, the horse, stood by watching the performance, and smiling approval, nodding his head every time the beast was knocked back into the clay, with the most obvious and exquisite perception of the nature of the situation.

WHEN A MAN doesn't want to do a good deed, it is very easy for him to find an excuse for not doing it. An Oriental story tells of a man who was asked to lend a rope to a neighbor. His reply was that he was in need of the rope just then to tie up some sand with." "To tie up some sand?" exclaimed the world-behavior, "I don't see how you can tie up sand with a rope." "Oh! you can do almost anything with a rope when you don't want to lend it," was the witty response. And nowadays it is very common, and very easy, for a professedly Christian man to look up an excuse—and to find it, too—for not giving anything to the cause of missions, or to any other good cause.—S. S. Times.

PHILADELPHIA, not satisfied with her industrial showing in the last census report, has been taking a little census of her own and likes it better. From the figures already computed over ten thousand establishments are shown with two hundred and twenty-two thousand, six hundred and fifty-two operatives. This is an increase of two thousand establishments and fifty thousand persons employed. It is calculated that the completion of the revision will show twelve thousand establishments with two hundred and forty thousand persons employed.

THE WAY-MARKS of tipping are to be traced in many proverbial sayings. For example the *Licensed Victuallers' Guardian*, in reply to a correspondent, explains: "Mind your P's and Q's" undoubtedly originated in the tavern practice of chalking or scoring debts by customers, the P's signifying pints and the Q's quarts. It was this practice of obtaining credit for intoxicating liquor which led to the passing of the "Tipping Act" in the notorious reign of George II., when gin was sold in penny-worths at the corners of streets in London."

THE SOLES of boots may be made waterproof by melting a little bee's wax and mutton suet, and rubbing some slightly on the edges of the sole over the stitches.

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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON III.

Jan. 21, 1883.] [Acts 2: 37-47.]

THE BELIEVING PEOPLE.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 38-41.

(Revised Version.)

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in the heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ into the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. They then that received his word were baptized; and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And he continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and they sold their possessions and goods, and gave them up to the apostles as any man had need. And they day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they did take their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that were being saved.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized."—ACTS 2: 41.

TOPIC.—Belief in Christ gives joy.

LESSON PLAN.—1. ANXIOUS ENQUIRERS, VS. 37-9. 2. EARNEST CONFESSORS, V. 41. 3. FAITHFUL DISCIPLES, VS. 42-7.

Time.—A. B. 30. The day of Pentecost and the time onward. Place.—Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION.

Peter had just shown his hearers that the wonders of Pentecost were the fulfillment of prophecy; that Jesus, the despised Nazarene who they had crucified, was their own Messiah; that God had raised him from the dead and exalted him to the heavens. Our lesson of today tells us the effect of this sermon.

LESSON NOTES.

V. 37. HEARD THIS.—Peter preaching the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. PRICKED IN THEIR HEARTS.—convicted of sin and deeply distressed. WHO SAID UNTO THEM, HOW CAN WE BE SAVED? V. 38. BE BAPTIZED.—in profession of faith in Christ. Peter's direction was in accord with Christ's own teaching. JOHN 3: 5. BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT. V. 41. THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED THE WORD.—who believed what he said and did what he counselled. WERE BAPTIZED.—the first administration of Christian baptism "in the name of Christ." The large number to be baptized, the limited time (THE SAME DAY), and the fact of every stream of water in Jerusalem, make it highly improbable that immersion was the mode. THREE THOUSAND SOULS.—the first addition to the infant church; a marked fulfillment of special promise. JOHN 16: 8. V. 42. CONTINUED STEADFASTLY.—persevered. DOCTRINE.—instruction. FELLOWSHIP.—showing toward each other a spirit of love and helpfulness. BREAKING OF BREAD.—the Lord's Supper. V. 44. HAD ALL THINGS COMMON.—held them as not their own, but subject to the wants of the church. In the fulness of Christian love, the rich sold their possessions that all might be given to those who needed it. V. 47. ADDED DAILY.—the growth was constant. SUCH AS SAID.—BE SAVED.—literally, "the saved;" the growth was genuine. Only those who were converted joined the church.

TEACHINGS.

- 1. There is no salvation from sin without repentance of sin.
- 2. God cares for the young as well as the old.
- 3. True religion makes people love the Bible, the church and prayer.
- 4. It leads to care for the comfort of others.
- 5. It produces singleness of heart and joy.
- 6. When Christians are earnest and holy, their number will be increased.

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