

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17th, 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 60 lbs. Barley, 55c to 60c per bushel. Oats, 45c to 50c. Rye 55c to 59c per bushel.

FLOUR.—The market is dull and prices about the same as last week. Quotations are as follows:—Superior Extra, \$4.75; Extra Superfine, \$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; Middlings, \$3.70 to \$3.80; Pollards, \$3.50; Ontario large, medium, \$2.25 to \$2.30; do, Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do, Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$3.10.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$4.75 to \$5.00. Cornmeal \$3.90 to \$4.10.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter.—The market is quiet and values are firm. 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, 17c to 20c; Western, 15c to 18c. Add 2c per lb. to all of the above for the jobbing trade. Cheese firm, little doing.—10c to 11c for August, and 13c to 14c for choice September and October; common grades, 7c to 9c.

Eggs.—Quiet at 24c to 25c per dozen for Hired and 27c to 28c for fresh.

DRESSED HOGS, \$8.40 to \$8.75 per 100 lbs.

DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.—The season is about over. We quote:—Turkeys, 11c to 14c; fowls, 7c to 9c.

ASHES.—Pots, firm at 85 to \$5.05.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There was a larger supply of good butchers' cattle on the markets here this week, and prices of this kind are slightly lower than on last week, but are still considerably higher than they were two or three weeks ago. The price of rough and leanish cattle continues firm, as the drovers now find it profitable to have any such cattle as cannot be sold to advantage to butchers, afterward taken to the abattoir to be slaughtered and the best quarters are sold to advantage on the farmers' market. Superior steers and heifers sold at 5c to 5c per lb; large fat cows and fair conditioned steers at \$50 to \$60 each, or 4c to 5c per lb; rough steers and ordinary fat cows \$35 to \$45 each, or about 4c per lb, and lean stock 3c to 3c per lb. The sheep offered were all of common and inferior quality and sold at from \$3 to \$6 each. Milch cows are much more plentiful than for a long time past and although Lent begins early this year, when a greatly increased quantity of milk will be needed, prices of good cows have declined nearly 85 per cent. Receipts of horses, chiefly from Ontario, have been larger of late, but still not sufficient to supply the active demand which the presence of so many American buyers in the city causes.

FARMERS' MARKETS.

The farmers are not coming to market in such numbers as might be expected when the condition of the roads is so favorable. Oats and hay, are the only products that are offered freely, yet the prices of oats are firm, but hay continued to decline slightly. The supply of potatoes is not large owing to the prevalence of cold weather and this helps to keep up the prices, but there is a pretty general feeling that the prices of potatoes will be lower later on in the season. Packed and lined eggs are somewhat lower priced, but fresh-laid eggs are very scarce and dear. Tomany-coals are offered in large quantities and sell at about 20c per peck. Dressed poultry continue very scarce and high-priced. Beef quarters have advanced fully \$1 per 100 lb during the past week and ordinary hindquarters of bulls and lean cows bring 7c per lb. The hay market is largely supplied and on some evenings a number of loads have to sleep over to the next day. Prices range from \$5.50 to \$10.50 per 100 bundles but the most of the sales of pretty good hay are made at \$8.50 to \$9.50 do.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16th, 1883.

GRAIN.—Following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, \$1.13 1/2 Jan., \$1.13 1/2 Feb., \$1.15 1/2 March, \$1.17 1/2 April, \$1.17 1/2 May. Corn 66c cash, 67c Jan., 66c Feb., 64c May. Oats, 47c cash, 45c Jan., 46c Feb., 46c March, 46c May. Rye, Western, 81 afloat. We quote: Canada, in bond, no sales; 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.

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FLOUR.—Low Extra, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Superfine, no sales for Spring, \$3.40 to \$3.70 for Winter; Western Spring Clear Extra, \$5.25 to \$5.70; Poor to Choice Fancy, \$5.20 to \$5.40; Straight Extra, \$5.50 to \$6.00, up to \$6.35 for Choice, and \$7.25 to \$7.55 for Choice to Fancy; Patent Extra, \$6.25 to \$7.40; Choice Fancy Family Extra, \$6.40 to \$6.75; Buckwheat Flour, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Sales 250 bags.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Coarse, \$5.75 to \$7.00 per bbl. Cornmeal, Brandywine \$3.75 to \$3.90; City Sacked, 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.

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 \$19 per ton; barley feed, \$22.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, per lb, prime, 14c; fancy, 14 1/2 to 14c; timothy, \$1.85 to \$2.05 per bushel; domestic flaxseed, \$1.28 to \$1.30; Calcutta linseed, \$1.80 nominal.

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 \$19. Small sales.

BACON.—The Chicago market prices are, loose long clear, \$8.75; short clear, \$9.25; short rib, 9c per lb; shoulders, 6.50c; boxed clear, 9c per lb; short clear, \$9.50; short rib, 9.25c; shoulders, 6.75.

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 8c to 8 1/2c and market pigs at 8c.

PORK.—Higher prices all round. \$18.50 to \$18.87 1/2 for new mess; \$14.50 for extra prime, \$18 to \$19 for family.

LARD.—Speculative market with slight advance. We quote 11c for Western steam, and 10c for city.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine, sales not so brisk, 11 to 11 1/2. Oleomargarine, 9c to 10c; sales of 400 bbls.

TALLOW.—Sales large and market strong, sales at 8c to 8 1/2c for prime; not quoted for packages.

MEAT STOCK.—Western heavy wethers, 6c to 6 1/2c per lb; Jersey and near-by, 5c to 6c. Spring lambs, 6c to 7c. Live calves, State, fair to prime, 8c to 10c; Jersey, 8c, 10c to 10 1/2c; butter-milk fed, 5c to 6c; grassers, 4c to 4 1/2c. Dressed veals, from 10c to 11c for poor to fair, to 13c to 14c for choice.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF IT!

We can live longer without food than we can without sleep; we can live longer than we can without air, and we can live much longer in pure air than we can in an atmosphere that is vitiated by all sorts of poisons. Great stress is just now being laid upon the necessity of good ventilation for our houses. We run wild for fear of sewer gases and elevate our offended olfactory nerves when the pretended "odorless" excavator passes; indeed, we grow more and more sensitive in our organizations day by day and generation by generation. But while making all this ado about the peculiar and specific odors which have been mentioned, we make little of smoking a pipe or a cigar, whose subtle odors penetrate and poison the atmosphere of every room in the house after our wives and our little ones have gone to sleep. We do this without once thinking that we may be thus implanting seeds of disease in their lungs far more fatal than those we have been at such great pains to exclude. Let us remember that pure air is more essential to health than even wholesome food.—Saturday Avon.

OUR PICTURE GALLERY.

The price of the *Weekly Messenger* is 50 cents. Every person who sends us a subscription to the *Weekly Messenger*, not his own, entitled to retain ten cents and send us forty cents; or, if he send us the full amount (fifty-cents) he will receive any two of the pictures named in the following list:—

1.—THE INFANT MOSES. This beautiful and elaborate picture by De la Roche shows in the foreground Moses, a chubby little babe, lying in his cradle with eyes wide open, and looking seriously, as if before them were passing all the events of his future history. If the original Moses were but his, as interesting in appearance as this picture represents him to be, it is no wonder that his father's daughter took such an interest in him, just behind the grate and half hidden in the folds that are growing on the bank, stands his sister Miriam, looking earnestly across the river.

2.—THE BULLS CALL AFTER THE BATTLE. Is a scene of a different nature. On an eminence in the field where the battle had been fought, is the fugleman of a cavalry brigade hearing the call, of themselves, respond and gallop into line, some of them waving their arms, and some, as in this picture, standing at their posts, looking earnestly across the river.

3.—LASSING WILD HORSES. Is another exciting horse picture. The herd of wild horses are dashing through the forest, led by a man and a woman, who are throwing the lead as around the necks of some of them. There is life in every line of this picture.

4.—SIMPY TO THY CROSS I CLIMB. This is an old favorite. Most of our readers have seen it in one form or another. The cross surrounded by a flood of light, and the figure of a man with a turned face full of hope, the waves dashing against the rock on which the cross stands, and the dark head pulling away the piece of wreck that might have been a snare, for it is bolting to the cross as it is secure—safe above the waves.

5.—HARBOR SCENES AT NIGHT. This is one of the most striking of all. It cannot be described. The play of light and shadow is exquisite.

6.—AT HOME IN CAPTIVITY. This pair of pictures represents the orang-outang first, in his native jungle as he comes an animal as well as imagined, and in his cage in the menagerie having a grand riot. This pair of pictures will just suit the boys.

7.—AFTER DUCKS. This represents an Irish sparrow dashing through the reeds after a duck and making a very pretty picture.

8.—GOING TO SCHOOL. Is a very pretty picture of a Norman's pet and girl dressed in the picturesque costume of her country with books and basket going to the school.

9.—PORTRAIT OF ROBERT BURNS. This excellent portrait we presented last year to subscribers of the *Witness* on certain conditions.

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TO GET RID OF RATS.—How to get rid of rats and mice, surely; as I know by repeated experience. Prepare lime for whitewashing the cellar, and put into the quantity of lime water sufficient for covering a cellar a large piece of copper—as large as two fists; dissolve well, and let withwash with it. No rats or mice will return to the cellar, and it makes the cellar sweet and healthful, destroying any malarial influence. I repeat it every year, as a preventive of all these troubles. I cover not only the plastered wall, but all wooden closets and partitions, and even the coal bins, with the lime and copper water.

TO CLARIFY BEEF DRIPPING.—Put the dripping into a basin, pour over it some boiling water, and stir it round with a silver spoon; set to cool, and then remove the dripping from the sediment, and put it into basins or jars for use in a cool place. Clarified dripping may be used for frying and larding everything except game or poultry, as well as for pies, &c.

COTTAGE PUDDING.—One cup sugar, one tablespoonful butter, two eggs, one cup sweet milk, three cups flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder sifted into the flour; one teaspoonful salt. Rub the butter and sugar together, beat in the eggs, then lastly the flour. Bake in a buttered mold, turn out upon a dish; cut in slices and eat hot with liquid sauce.

APPLE SHORT-CAKE.—Make a short-cake as usual, with a tablespoonful of sugar added. When baked, break open or cut with a hot knife, and spread with nice fresh butter, then with thick sauce made of stewed sour apples well sweetened. Put together again, and set in the oven five or ten minutes. Serve with cream and sugar.

GINGER COOKIES.—One cup of butter, one cup of sugar, one cup of molasses, one teaspoonful of saleratus dissolved in three tablespoonfuls of water, one teaspoonful ginger. Roll as soft as possible and bake quickly.

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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON IV.

600, 28, 1883. [Acts 3:1-11]

THE HEALING POWER.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 88.

(Revised Version.)

Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man that was lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they carried daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask aims of them that entered into the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk. And he took him by the right hand, and raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were received strength. And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they took 10 knowledge of him, that it was he which sat for aims at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Then shall the lame man, leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing.—Isa. 35: 6.

TOPIC.—Christ the great Healer.

LESSON PLAN.—1. THE HELPLESS CRIPPLE, VS. 1-3. 2. THE MIGHTY NAME, VS. 4-8. 3. THE WONDERING WITNESSES, VS. 9-11.

TIME.—A. B. 30, not longer after the last lesson plane.—The temple in Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTORY.

The closing scenes of our last lesson represent the condition of things in the early church at Jerusalem at least for days, perhaps for weeks or longer. Our lesson to-day is an account of one of the many wonders and signs done by the apostles." (Acts 2:43) In those days. It is recorded because it was the occasion of a sermon by Peter which was followed by the first attack made upon the infant church.

LESSON NOTES.

V. 1. INTO THE TEMPLE.—The disciples still attended the temple service while they also met by themselves for the worship of the ascended Lord. NINTH HOUR—three o'clock in the afternoon; one of the three stated hours of prayer, and the time of the evening sacrifice. V. 2. LAME—see ch. 4:22. LAM'D DAILY—where he could beg of people passing in and out, as is common in the East. CALLED BEAUTIFUL—probably the celebrated gate of Corinthian brass described by Josephus, about seventy-five feet high and sixty broad, the folds of the gate covered with thick plates of silver and gold. V. 4. LOOK ON US—just what Jesus says to the poor helpless cripple. "There is life for a 10-0-0." NUM. 21: 9; Isa. 45: 22. V. 5. SUCH AS I HAVE—something better than silver and gold, and what these could not buy. V. 6. IN THE NAME—by the power. Jesus wrought miracles in his own name; the apostles in Christ's name. RISE UP AND WALK—the cripple had his part to do, as well as Peter. V. 7. LIFTED HIM UP—Peter not only spoke the healing word, but also reached out the helping hand. We are to do both. V. 8. LEAVING US—with the effort came the strength to obey. The effort proved his faith, and the effect the power of Jesus. When he commands his word is power. Try to obey and strength will be given. IMMEDIATELY—not a gradual but an instantaneous cure; not partial, but complete. Jesus never does his work by halves. V. 8. ALL THE PEOPLE SAW HIM—if Christ has healed you, let it be known. V. 10. THEY KNEW there could be no mistake or deception. V. 11. HELD PETER AND JOHN—clinging to them in grateful joy. So, while the rejoicing convert gives all the glory to God for salvation, he still loves the one whom God has sent to him with the blessing. THE PORCH THAT IS CALLED SOLOMON'S—a portico supported by pillars in the court of the temple, along the east wall of the temple.

TEACHINGS: 1. Those who love God will love the house of God. 2. Silver and gold are not the greatest or best gifts. 3. We may do good without being rich. 4. Christ can make the weak strong. 5. Great blessings should lead to gratitude and public thanksgiving.

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