

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, May 7, 1884. Chicago is again stronger this week, prices being two cents better for present delivery. Quotations are:—93d May, 95 June, and 96d July, 93d August. Corn is also higher, 56 1/2 May, 57 1/2 June. Liverpoll is dull and weaker, Spring wheat being quoted at 78 1/2 to 78 3/4 and Red Winter 78 1/2 to 88 1/4. The local market is as dull as it can be, and without change. We quote as follows:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Canada White, \$1.08 to \$1.10; Canada Spring, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Corn, 56c to 58c in hand; Peas, 90c to 91c; Barley, 55c to 70c; Rye, 65c.

FLOUR.—The market is quiet, but steady. We quote as follows:—Superior Extra, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Extra Superior, \$3.15; Fancy, \$2.85 to \$3.00; Spring Extra, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.15; Strong Bakers', Can., \$5.10 to \$5.40; do, American, \$5.35 to \$5.45; Fine, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Middlings, \$3.35 to \$3.45; Pollards, \$3.10 to \$3.35; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, \$2.60 to \$2.40; do., Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do., Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$2.85 to \$2.90.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$4.35 to \$4.75; granulated, \$4.80 to \$5.00.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—New butter is bringing 18c to 23c. The following are the quotations for old:—Eastern Townships, 18c to 21c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 17c to 20c; Western, summer makes, 12c to 15c. Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is quoted at 11 to 12c.

Eggs that are fresh are bringing from 16c to 15 1/2c.

HOG PRODUCTS.—Are very dull. We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$20.50 to \$21.00; Canada Short Cut, \$21.50 to \$22; Hams, city cured, 13 1/2c to 14 1/2c; Bacon, 13c to 14 1/2c; Lard, in pails, Western, 12 1/2c to 13 1/2c; do., Canadian, 11 1/2c to 12c; Tallow, refined 7c to 9c as to quality.

ASHES are quiet at \$3.90 to \$4.00 for Pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle has been larger this week and prices somewhat lower, only very choice animals bringing 6c per lb, while pretty good steers and heifers sell at about 5 1/2c. Rough steers, oxen, bulls and milkmen's strippers are all plentiful and sell at lower rates, ranging from 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c per lb. Calves are almost a drug on the market and small lean animals are difficult to sell at any price. Several lots of these inferior veal crippers have been sold lately, at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per head; common calves sell at from \$2 to \$4 and good ones from \$5 to \$8 each. Sheep are in good demand at about 5 1/2c per lb, for such as have their fleeces still on them, and from 4 1/2c to 5c per lb for those that have been shorn. Lambs are in fair supply and sell at from \$3 to \$5 each. Live hogs have been selling lately at 6 1/2c per lb, but several carloads have been brought from Chicago which have lowered prices again.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The farmers are all so busy at home in ploughing and re-seeding their fields that very few of them find time to come to market and traders have the business pretty much in their own hands, and are securing higher prices, especially in the case with the prices of grain, potatoes, hay and eggs. Good apples are scarce and higher priced, oranges have also an upward tendency. There is a plentiful supply of green vegetables furnished by market gardeners at pretty low rates for so early in the season. The fish market is well stocked with fish which were caught in the St. Lawrence; pike, bass, codfish and suckers are pretty cheap. Oats are \$1.05 to \$1.20 per bag; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 70c to 75c per bag; Swedish turnips, 60c to 70c do. Tub butter, 10c to 24c per lb; eggs, 17c to 20c per dozen. Apples \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel; Hay, \$6.00 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. Pressed hay, 55c to 65c per 100 lbs.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat 109 1/2c May; \$1.11 1/2c June; \$1.09 July.

\$1.07 August. Corn, 63 1/2c May; 63 1/2c June; 64 1/2c July; 65 August. Oats, 37 1/2c May; 38 1/2c June.

FLOUR.—The quotations are: Spring Wheat—Superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.45 to \$3.65; Clears, \$4.50 to \$5.20; Straight (full stock), \$5.20 to \$5.75; Patent, \$5.30 to \$6.70. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.95 to \$3.50; Low Extra, \$3.45 to \$3.65; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.35 to \$5.65; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.80 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.60; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.50 to \$5.65; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.50 to \$4.15; West India, sacks, \$3.80 to \$4.85; barrels, West India, \$5.32 1/2 to \$5.25; Patent, \$5.40 to \$6.10; South America, \$5.10 to \$5.25; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.00. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.75 to \$5.25; Family, \$5.40 to \$6.25; Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine \$2.50 to \$3.75.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Coarse, \$5.40 to \$5.90 per bd. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.30 to \$3.40; Western Yellow, \$2.95 to \$3.10; Bag meal, Coarse City, \$1.10 to \$1.15; Fine white, \$1.30 to \$1.40; Fine yellow, \$1.40 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$3.00 to \$3.75; Hominy, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$21.00 to \$22; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$19.00 to \$21.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$17. to \$18; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed \$16.00 to \$17.00; 50 lbs or medium feed, \$16.00 to \$17.00; 40 lbs or No. 2 feed, \$16.00 to \$17.00. Rye feed at \$18.00 to \$19.00 per ton.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, 10c to 10 1/2c for fair to choice; timothy, retail parcels \$1.55 to \$1.70; round lots \$1.50 to \$1.60; domestic flaxseed nominal, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Calcutta linseed, \$1.85 to \$1.90.

BUTTER.—First class goods are not overstocking the market, but the demand continues quiet and moderate, despite a good deal of strengthening talk the demand is moderate and prices lower. The quotations are:—Creamery, new, ordinary to fancy, 20c to 27c. State dairies, old, fair to fine, 12c to 22c; State dairies, old, fair to best, 24c to 25c; State Welsh tubs, new, fair to choice, 22c to 24c; Western imitation creamery, new, 19c to 22c; Western dairy, old, ordinary to best, 8c to 12c; Western factory, new, ordinary to best made, 10c to 15c.

CHEESE.—Very little doing and a moderate market. We quote:—State factory skims to select, 6c to 13c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 2c to 5c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c to 10 1/2c.

BEEF.—We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Extra India mess, \$20.00 to \$22.00; Packet, \$12.50 to \$13.00 in brls.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$25.00 to \$25.50 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—We quote:—\$17 to \$17.50 or for old brands mess; \$18.00 to \$18.25, for new mess; \$16.00 for extra prime; \$18.75 to \$19.25 for clear back \$17.25 to \$18.50 or family.

BACON.—The market much quieter but strong at 8.65c.

CUTMEATS.—Picked bellies, 12c lb. average, pickled shoulders, 7 1/2c; pickled hams, 11 1/2c to 11c; smoked shoulders, 8 1/2c; smoked hams, 12 1/2c to 12c.

LARD.—Prices are lower. City lard bringing 8.45c. Western 8.65c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is at 9 1/2c for choice city. Oleomargarine, firm at 9.

TALLOW.—Demand more active at 6 1/2 to 7 for prime city.

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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

MAY 15, 1884. LESSON VII. (Acts 19: 23-41—20: 1, 2)

THE UPROAR AT EPHEBUS.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 38-40.

23. And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

24. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Artemis, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen.

25. Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our wealth.

26. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands.

27. So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at naught; but also that the temple of the goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshipeth.

28. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29. And the whole city was filled with confusion; and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed into one accord into the theatre.

30. And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31. And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another; for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33. And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34. But when they knew that he was a Jew, all cried out with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35. And when the town-clerk had appeared the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

36. Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken rashly, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing hastily.

37. For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38. Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39. But if ye inquire any thing concerning other matters it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40. For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this confusion.

41. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

42. And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2. And when he had gone over those parts, he had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"—Ps. 2: 1.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 19: 23-20: 2. The Uproar at Ephesus. T. Ps. 2: 1-12. Why do the Heathen Rage?

W. Ps. 115: 1-18. Trust Only in the Lord. Th. Luke 12: 15-26. Beware of Covetousness.

F. Acts 16: 16-25. Hated from Gains Lost. S. Acts 20: 3-16. Farewell to Corinth to Miletus.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Appeal of Demetrius. 2. The Excitement of the People. 3. The Quieting of the Uproar.

Time.—A. D. 57. Place.—Ephesus.

INTRODUCTORY.

The best introduction to this lesson will be a careful review of Lesson 11 and 12, with which it stands in an immediate historic connection. It shows how great had been the influence of Paul's teaching and preaching among his three years' ministry in Ephesus, and on what interested motives the gospel was opposed.

LESSON NOTES.

1.-V. 23 THAT WAY.—The new religion which this Paul was propagating in V. 23 which he called Diana; perhaps models of her temple containing a little image of the goddess. NO SMALL GAINS—pilgrims bought them as mementos of their visit. V. 25 OUR WEALTH—he appeals first to their selfish interests, and then (vs. 26, 27) to their religious feelings. V. 27. TEMPLE—A magnificent building, one of the Seven Wonders of the world.

11.-V. 28 FULL OF WRATH—at the prospect of losing their gains. So now, when the truth utters will be wicket ways of making money, those engaged in such pursuits are enraged. V. 29. THE THEATRE—an unroofed enclosure with tiers of stone seats rising one above the other, capable of accommodating it is said twenty five thousand persons. GAIUS AND ARISTARCHUS—see ch. 20: 4; 27: 2; Rom. 16: 23; 1 Cor. 1: 14; 3 John 1: V. 30. SUFFERED HIM NOT—would not allow him needlessly to expose himself to such peril. V. 31. THE PEOPLE OF ASIA—"Asiarchs;" officers chosen from the cities of Proconular Asia to have charge of the games and festivals. V. 32. ALEXANDER—some think this was Alexander the coppersmith mentioned in 2 Tim. 4: 14. V. 34. WHEN THEY KNEW—the gentle nature of the Jews was roused, and they refused to hear him. WITH ONE VOICE—an act of worship as well as an expression of devotion to their goddess. 1 Kings 18: 26.

11.-V. 35. THE TOWN-CLERK—keeper of the public archives, an officer of great authority. WORSHIPPER—temple-keeper. WHICH FELL DOWN—the statue of the Ephesian Diana, like some other heathen idols the Palladium of Troy and the Venus of Paphos, was supposed to have fallen from the skies. V. 38. IF DEMETRIUS—if any law had been broken he should bring legal proceedings against Paul. V. 40. CALLED IN QUESTION—before the Roman government. Ch. 20: 1. DEPARTED—after Pentecost. 1 Cor. 16: 8. TO GO INTO MACEDONIA—see ch. 19: 21. 2. THESE PARTS—the entire region of Macedonia, including Philippi, INTO GREECE—to the city of Corinth.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That selfish interests sometimes lead men to oppose the gospel.
2. That what brings profit to the purse may bring loss to the soul.
3. That error is best opposed by teaching the truth.
4. That zeal for religion is sometimes a cloak for ill.

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