

## FROM FAR ALASKA.

TWO MOST INTERESTING LETTERS  
TO MGR. CLUT.

A Fair Idea of General Missionary Work—Daily Scenes Enacted in the Land of Ice and Snow—Kind Wishes Expressed to Different Communities.

His Lordship Bishop Clut, O.M.I., kindly sent us the following letters, which will prove of interest to a good number of our readers. We join the writer of these letters in the hope that God may bless His Lordship and soon restore him to health and vigor.

MISSION OF ST. BERNARD,  
LESSER SLAVE LAKE,  
March 14, 1894.

Rt. Rev. J. CLUT, Bishop of Arindale:

My Lord and Beloved Father.—Your two letters of Dec. 30th and Jan. 29th have just arrived by the winter mail. Thank you, my Lord, for your kindness. I always anxiously await news from you, and I was almost discouraged when your letter of January brought back my hopes. I had already decided on sending away all our orphans, for without the assistance of the kind sisters, I did not see the possibility of keeping them. Just imagine 30 children left to themselves! What confusion and what moral misery! Our poor Delima walks with crutches and I am alone, as it were, to take care of the children. I am obliged to wash and comb the smaller ones, and you know all the other occupations which take much of my time. Nearly all of our orphans have been ill. One of our little girls, aged nine years, died. Her precious little soul went to Heaven. I heard her confession and anointed her at noon, and she breathed her last in the evening.

My room has been changed into an infirmary since the beginning of the year. I get no rest, either day or night. A strange disease, which we do not understand, is diminishing our population. Thirty of our poor natives have already fallen victims, and more of them are in imminent danger. The fathers have escaped so far without much sickness.

Rev. Father Father is on mission since the 15th of December, but he will soon arrive from Wabaskaw. Rev. Father Dupe is devoting himself at Coeur River, which is only one hour's distance from St. Bernard, on the other side of the lake. We have there only a church and a small house, 25x20 feet, and it is in the latter that the children go to school. Thanks be to God! The Sisters of Providence of Montreal have accepted the foundation of an orphan asylum at St. Bernard's Mission, in the Vicariate of Mackenzie River. The Sisters will stay at St. Bernard's if God sends us any. We shall let them have the house which we now occupy and which is pretty large. It is 30x24 feet, contains three stories, and has a small addition on one side. You see, the Sisters will have ample room.

As to the country, nothing is left to be desired by those who wish to do something to merit heaven. It is doubtless for this reason that they come here. Well, tell them not to fear, for they will be fully satisfied. If the Sisters accept our mission, they must necessarily be at Athabasca Landing on May 15th. I shall start at the beginning of May to go to the Landing, from whence I shall write to you. If I possibly can, I shall go as far as Edmonton to meet them. At any rate, they will not have any trouble in getting as far as Edmonton, and from there to St. Bernard they will be in safety also.

Now, it is hard to say what the Sisters should bring for the children. They would do well to bring, if possible, a boat full of balls. It would not be too much. Let them also bring a quantity of school books. As to provisions, let them bring all they can, or money to buy some, either at Winnipeg or at Edmonton.

You say that you will try to find two parishes that will adopt our mission. Ah! how much pleasure you cause me and all the community. I assure you I have two excellent companions in Rev. Fathers Father and Dupe. Only one thing is left for us to desire, and that is to have you in our midst. We would take good care of you. However, we would not wish to deprive you of the happiness of seeing once more "votre belle France." May God guide your steps and bless you in restoring your health and bring you back in our midst. Such is the most sincere wish of

Your affectionate Brother in O. L. & M. I.,  
A. DESMARAIS, Prie., O. M. I.

ST. BERNARD'S MISSION,  
LESSER SLAVE LAKE,  
16th of March.

(Feast of the Compassion of the Blessed Virgin.)

Rt. Rev. J. CLUT, Bishop of Arindale.

My Lord and Beloved Father.—I have just arrived from carrying my letters to the Courier, and I find one on my table, and this letter is from you, in which you give me at last the long wished for news (the arrival of the Sisters). Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!! I am going to rectify my office to thank the Blessed Virgin, for to-day is her feast day. I stop the mail a moment to thank you a thousand times. My life will not be long enough to thank you sufficiently. As to the departure of the Sisters, let them leave Montreal on the 2nd of May. There will be a boat at the Landing on the 15th of May to wait for them. If I do not go myself, one of the Fathers will go and meet them. I shall, however, write to you again.

Once more I thank you, my Lord, and I hope the kind Sisters will bring all they can. Many thanks to them for their willingness in coming to our aid. Our best thanks also to the community of the Sisters of Providence for sending us six of their subjects. Every one here is overjoyed to hear the good news. Their home is connected with the church.

A harmonium would be very useful to us. Send us all you can in the line of utensils, clothes, shoes, leather, etc., etc. Everything will be received by us with the deepest gratitude. How pleased we should be if you could send us also a good brother as carpenter. It would be necessary for us to build, so I shall have the wood prepared. They will begin on the 18th inst., a building 50x20 feet. Unfortunately, I have no person competent to help us. Brother Nemoz is no longer with us; Bishop Grondin having great need of him, cannot let me have him any more. In concluding permit me, once more to express my

most sincere thanks for having interested yourself so much in our cause as to finally succeed in procuring Sisters and so many benefactors. We shall never cease praying for these charitable persons. May God render them a hundredfold for all that which they have done for our dear mission of St. Bernard. Adieu, my Lord, and believe me, as ever, your very humble brother in O. L. and M. I.

A. DESMARAIS, Prie., O. M. I.  
P.S.—Thank you once more, my Lord, and please bless us.  
A. D.

## COMMERCIAL.

## FLOUR, GRAIN, Etc.

Flour.—  
Patent Spring.....\$3.85 @ 3.75  
Ontario Patent.....3.25 @ 3.80  
Straight Roller.....2.90 @ 3.15  
Extra.....2.65 @ 2.85  
Superfine.....2.40 @ 2.60  
Fine.....2.15 @ 2.35  
City Strong Bakers.....3.40 @ 3.50  
Manitoba Bakers.....3.25 @ 3.40  
Ontario bags—extra.....1.35 @ 1.40  
Straight Rollers.....1.50 @ 1.55  
Superfine.....1.25 @ 1.35  
Fine.....1.05 @ 1.15

Oatmeal.—Rolled and granulated \$4.20 to \$4.35. Standard \$3.95 to \$4.15. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.15, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.

Bran.—A car of Shorts was also sold at the same time at \$18.50, but \$19 to \$20 is now asked. Moullie is quoted at \$22.50 to \$24.50 as to grade.

Wheat.—At 78c to 80c for No. 1 hard, and 78c to 77c for No. 2. Upper Canada red winter wheat is quoted at 77c to 80c.

Corn.—Ontario corn 58c to 55c on track, and American duty paid 58c to 61c.

Barley.—Here the market is quiet at 44c to 45c for feed and 50c to 52c for malting grades.

Oats.—At 40c to 40c per 34 lbs. for No. 2. Peas.—The market is firm, and sales are reported of about 15,000 bushels at 71c, 71c and 71c adroit May per 60 lbs.

Rye.—The market keeps dull at 52c to 53c.

Buckwheat.—Sales have been made at 50c to 52c for small lots.

Malt.—Last sales being reported at 72c to 77c.

Seeds.—We quote Canadian timothy \$2.25 to \$2.50, and Western timothy \$1.90 to \$2.10. Alsike \$7.00 to \$7.50 for good to fancy. Red clover quiet at \$6 to \$7 as to quality.

## PROVISIONS.

Pork, Lard, &c.—We quote as follows:  
Canada short cut pork per bbl....\$18.50 @ 17.50  
Canada clear mess, per bbl....15.50 @ 16.00  
Chicago clear mess, per bbl....00.00 @ 00.00  
Mess pork, American, new, per bbl....00.00 @ 00.00  
Extra mess beef, per bbl....12.25 @ 12.50  
Plate beef, per bbl....18.25 @ 18.50  
Hams, per lb.....9 1/2 @ 11c  
Lard, pure in pails, per lb.....10 @ 11c  
Lard, com. in pails, per lb.....07 1/2 @ 7 1/2c  
Bacon, per lb.....11 @ 12c  
Shoulders, per lb.....8 1/2 @ 9c

## DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—  
We quote prices as follows:—  
Creamery, early made.....20c to 22c  
Creamery, fresh.....24c to 25c  
Eastern Townships, dairy.....19c to 20c  
" " fresh made.....21c to 23c  
Western.....18c to 19c  
Add 1c to above for single packages of selected.

Roll Butter.—The market is steady, with sales of choice Morrisburg at 22c to 24c, and Western at 19c to 21c.

Cheese.—The few lots of fodder goods that have sold here for local purposes have brought 10c to 11c. The English market for old cheese is still 58c 6d.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs.—Round lots have realized 11c to 11 1/2c, one lot of 100 cases selling at the outside figure, but this could not be obtained to-day. We quote 10c to 11c as a fair range of values.

Maple Products.—Maple syrup is not selling as fast as was expected. A few sales in wood are reported at 4c to 5c as to quantity. In cans 5c to 5 1/2c are at the quoted rates, or 50c to 60c per can. Maple sugar is quoted at 8c to 7c, a fine lot selling at 6c.

Honey.—Extracted 7c to 8 1/2c per lb. for choice 1893, and old honey at from 4c to 5c per lb. Comb 7c to 12c as to quality and quantity.

Beans.—We quote \$1.10 to \$1.25 as to quality and quantity. Hops.—We quote 18c to 17c for medium, and really choice samples 18c to 20c. Old olds to yearlings are quoted at 5c to 10c.

Baled Hay.—The sales are reported of No. 2 shipping hay at \$10.00 per ton alongside steamer, May delivery. In the interior the supply is large, and what new business transpires is on the basis of \$7.50 to \$8.00 for No. 2.

## FRUITS, Etc.

Apples.—Are selling very slowly at \$5 to \$6 for No. 1, and \$4 to \$4.50 for No. 2.

Oranges.—Are in moderate demand. Floridians are selling at \$3.75 to \$4 for 98s to 128s, and \$4.25 to \$4.50 for 150s to 250s, while good counts of fancy brights are selling at \$5. In Valentias, stocks are very light. No. 714s are in the market, and 420s are selling at \$8 per box. California oranges are in fair demand at \$2.75 to \$3 for 98s, 112s, 128s, and \$3 to \$3.25 for 150s to 216s. Messina are quoted \$3.25 to \$4 per box.

Lemons.—There is a fair demand for lemons. We quote \$2 to \$2.25 for 360s and \$2.50 for 300s, and extra fancy selling as high as \$3.

Cranberries.—There is a moderate demand for cranberries at \$2.75 to \$3 per box.

Bananas.—There is a fair demand for bananas at \$1 to \$2 per bunch, according to size and quality.

Pineapples.—Are selling rather slow at 8c to 20c, according to size and quality.

Figs.—Are dull at 6c to 8c per lb.

Dates.—At 4c per lb.

Prunes.—Fair sales are reported in prunes at from 4c to 6c per lb.

Onions.—The demand for onions is very limited at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per barrel.

Potatoes.—We quote 45c to 50c per bag on track, and about 10c extra for jobbing lots.

New Cabbage.—The demand for new cabbage is fair at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per crate.

Tomatoes.—Tomatoes command fair sales at \$4 per carrier.

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