

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, May 9th, 1882.

The opening of navigation has made matters a great deal brisker in the grain market. Prices remain firm, the business done being within quotations. We quote Canada Red Winter \$1.18; Canada White \$1.09 to \$1.13; Canada Spring, \$1.13 to \$1.15 as to quality. Peas are inactive at 95c to 98c. Rye 72c. Oats, 40c for May delivery. In Barley there is nothing doing.

FLOUR.—The flour market is very dull indeed. Holders are still nominally firm declaring that flour cannot be manufactured at the price offered. Despite this they are compelled to cut to make sales. Prices remain unchanged. Quotations as follows: Superior Extra, \$5; Extra Superfine, \$4.90; Fancy nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.80 to \$4.95; Superfine, \$4.50; Strong Bakers', Canadian, \$5.15 to \$5.25, do, American, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Fine, \$4.10 to \$4.20; Middlings, \$3.80 to \$3.95; Pollards, 3.50 to \$3.60; Ontario bags, medium, \$2.35 to \$2.45; do, Spring Extra, \$2.25 to \$2.30; do, Superfine, \$2.15 to \$2.20; City Bags, delivered, \$3.10.

MEALS.—Unchanged. Oatmeal, \$5.20 to \$5.50 for ordinary, and \$5.80 to \$6.00 for granulated. Cornmeal \$3.90 to \$4.10.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter. The market is still steady, prices being about a cent lower than last week. The trade is small and the only thing that keeps prices is said to be the unusual demand for fine grades from Quebec and lower ports. Eastern Township 23c to 25c as to quality, other grades a trifle less. Cheese new is selling at 12c to 13c nominally very little doing.

Eggs.—Are stiffer all around, quite a trade is being now done at 16c to 17c.

HOG PRODUCE.—A good local demand; at following prices:—Canada, short cut, \$23.50 to \$24.00; Western, \$23.00 to 23.25; Hams, city cured, 14c to 15c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard in pails, 14c to 15c.

ASHES.—Are also strong at \$5.25 to \$5.35 for pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supplies of butchers' cattle have been much more liberal this week, and prices are lower all round. There is, however, an active demand for shipping cattle and this helps to keep up the prices of the best butchers' stock. Late cablegrams report a considerable improvement in the prices of cattle in the British markets and this has helped to improve matters here. The best butchers' cattle were sold at 6c per lb, but pretty good steers and fat cows sold at from 5c to 5 1/2c per lb, while leanish animals brought from 4c to 4 1/2c. The supply of veal calves continues large, and the quality seems to improve of late, yet a considerable number of the offerings are too young and lean in flesh to make wholesome food, and have to be sold at low rates. There is a pretty good demand for good veal cutters, and prices of this kind range from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. Sheep are still scarce and high priced, and a few have already been deprived of their fleeces. Prices of shorn sheep are from \$5 to \$8 each, and of the unshorn from \$6 to \$11. Live hogs are rather plentiful and sell at from 7 1/2c to 7c per lb. Milch cows are much more plentiful than for some months past, yet there is an active demand for all the best, which sell at from \$50 to \$65 each; while common good cows bring from \$30 to \$45 and small lean ones \$18 to \$25 each.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The more immediate and important duties of spring work on their farms prevent the farmers from coming to town, consequently the attendance at the markets is small. The prices of most kinds of produce continue without material change with the exception of good potatoes and eggs which have been advancing since the arrival of the shipping in the harbor. The apple trade is somewhat demoralized owing to the large quantities of inferior fruit which are being pressed on the market at low rates, yet the prices of choice kinds are higher. Butter is getting more plentiful and prices have a downward tendency. Pork is also lower priced. The hay market is moderately supplied and prices are firm, but straw is plentiful and declining in value. Oats are 95c to \$1.05 per bushel; peas \$1 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes 50c to 75c per bag; dressed hogs \$9.75 to \$10.25 per 100 lbs. Fowls, 15c to 18c per

lb; turkeys 15c to 18c do. Eggs, 17c to 25c per dozen; tub butter 20c to 25c per lb; print butter, 25c to 40c do. Hay \$9.50 to \$12 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs; straw \$4 to \$5 per 100 bundles of 12 lbs.

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THE PRIZE FIGHTER'S TETHER.

Brief is the prize fighter's day. Sullivan has been going to the Russian baths when in New York to "wash the rain out of him," as the gossip there said; now he falls, not as the gladiator, from exterior wounds, but bled from within, where the lungs exclaim against his inhumanity to himself. No prize fighter ever came to anything. Morrissey left nothing and was saturated with disease. Henann knocked himself out of time in early manhood. Elliott was a thief and convict, and died in his boots while arrogating to himself the empty "championship of America." In the rebellion prize fighters proved to have neither endurance nor ordinary preservative sense. Ranken, the bully-giant of Philadelphia, was always in disgrace at the head of his company. Bradley, who beat him, never rose above a low sailor's groggery. Tom Hyer went around consumptive and superfluous all his closing years. But the tavern and dance house keepers who are the backers of these prize fighters, and pet them forward from puppydom to brutality, often live well and have their country places and bowlers, and stand in good credit with tradesmen. These are the men who ought to be sent to prison. When Joe Coburn came out of Auburn gaol he repentantly said: "Liquor has been my misery. I'll never drink it again—I'll keep a saloon."—"Gath," in N. Y. Tribune.

LAUGHING GAS.

An AUCTIONEER at a sale of antiquities put up a helmet with the following candid observation: "This, ladies and gentlemen, is a helmet of Romulus, the founder of Rome, but whether he was a brass or iron founder I can not tell."

A CLEVELAND MAN says the life, if played with force and resolution, is the best medicine for weak lungs. He will discover, one of these days, that an accordion, if played with strength and determination, would paralyze a deaf man.—Harlem Times.

A MAN went home the other night and found his house locked up. After infinite trouble he managed to gain entrance through a back window, and then discovered on the parlor table a note from his wife reading: "I have gone out. You will find the key on the side of the step."—Washington News.

A SCOTCH MINISTER, forgetting his spectacles, could not read the hymn, so he said, "My eyes are dim; I cannot see." The precursor immediately sang "My eyes are dim; I can't see." The minister explained, "I spoke of my infirmity." This was sung as the second line. The minister pleaded, "I merely said my eyes were dim." These words were sung, and he sat down, saying, "I did not mean to sing a hymn." When this line was sung the services closed.

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.) LESSON VIII. [Acts 12: 1-1] May 20, 1883.

HEROD AND PETER.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 5-8. (Revised Version.)

Now about that time Herod the king put forth his hands to afflict certain of the church.

And he killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. And these were the days of unleavened bread. And when he had taken him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quarters of soldiers to guard him; intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in the prison; but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him. And when Herod was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and guards before the door kept the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell; and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed, and he wist not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. And when they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel departed from him. And when Peter 11 was come to himself, he said, Now I know a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the perils of Herod, the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together and were praying. And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a maid came to open; and when she opened the gate for joy, but ran in, and told that Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she confidently affirmed that it was even so. And they said, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened they saw him, and were amazed. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed and went to another place.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The angel of the Lord delivered them."—Ps. 34: 7.

TOPIC.—The Uselessness of Fighting Against God.

LESSON PLAN.—1. THE CRAUELTY OF HEROD, vs. 1-6. 2. THE DELIVERANCE OF PETER, vs. 7-11. 3. THE SURPRISE OF THE DISCIPLES, vs. 12-17.

Time.—A. D. 44. Place.—Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTORY.

The disciples were driven from Jerusalem after the death of Stephen, but in more quiet days, doubtless, many returned to the city. The city was still the abode of the theosophists. Josephus tells us that Herod Agrippa, now King of all Palestine, was a strict observer of the customs and ambitious to please the people. (v. 3) He would therefore be ready to take any occasion to persecute the hated Christians and win Jewish favor.

LESSON NOTES.

V. 1. HEROD THE KING—Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great, by whom the babes of Bethlehem were slain. Matt. 2: 7, 8. Vexatious, persecutor. V. 2. JAMES—the son of Zebedee (Matt. 4: 21), called James the Greater, to distinguish him from James the Less. This is the first recorded death of an apostle. V. 3. PLEASED THE JEWS—a vile motive for so great a crime. DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD—the seven days of the Passover festival, in which leaven was not allowed. Deut. 16: 1-4. V. 4. FOUR QUARTERS—four companies of four men each, forming the night-watch, each quarter watching three hours. AFTER THE PASSOVER—Revised Version, "after the Passover." BRING HIM FORTH—for execution. V. 5. WITHOUT CEASING—Revised Version, "earnestly." V. 6. BETWEEN TWO SOLDIERS—each wrist chained, according to Roman custom, to the wrist of a soldier. V. 7. ARISE—so Jesus arose a gridle in the deadly sleep of sin. HIS CHAINS FELL OFF—so Christ's power delivers us from the bondage of sin. V. 8. GIRD THYSELF—a gridle was placed about the body in walking. THY GARMENT—the mantle or outer garment. FOLLOW ME—so Christ prepares us for his service and bids us follow him. V. 9. WIST NOT—knew not. He could hardly believe his senses. V. 10. THE FIRST AND SECOND WARD—the wards, or divisions of the prison between Peter's dungeon and the street. IRON GATE—the strong outer gate. SO CHRIST OPENS THE PRISON TO THEM THAT ARE SPIRITUALLY BOUND. Isa. 61: 1. V. 11. NOW KNOW I—he had feared it was too good to be true. Now he knows certainly that he is released. THE HAND—the power. V. 12. MARK—the writer of the second Gospel, a companion of Barnabas (ch. 15: 37), and one of Peter's converts. 1 Pet. 5: 13. V. 13. MAD—out of her senses. They could not credit what they ought to have expected in answer to prayer. So we sometimes receive answers to prayer when we are not looking for them. The Lord's surprises are rebukes to our unbelief. HIS ANGEL—his guardian angel, some suppose others, his ghost. V. 17. INTO JAMES—probably James the Less. WENT UNTO ANOTHER PLACE—he left Jerusalem to avoid the rage of Herod. This angel delivered Peter, but Herod suffered destruction at his hands. Acts 12: 23.

TEACHINGS:

- 1. Angels stand guard when saints are in prison.
2. Prayer has power to break chains and open prison doors.
3. There are souls in prison that may be released by prayer.
4. God sometimes gives answers even to "little faith." Matt. 14: 31.
5. The lowliest disciple may be, like Rhoda, the roughest for the blessing.

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