

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 13th, 1883.

The condition of the local market is with- out change neither prices nor sales having improved. The Chicago market has fluctu- ated somewhat throughout the week but with but little effect either way. We quote: Canada White Winter \$1.08 to \$1.10; Canada Red \$1.13 to \$1.14; Canada Spring, \$1.10 to \$1.11. Peas, 89c per 60 lbs. Barley, 56c to 65c per bushel. Oats, 36c to 37c. Rye 60c per bush.

FLOUR.—The expectation of holders has been justified by a slight rise, Superior being fully 10c better than last week, but this is al- most purely nominal, but few sales have taken place at advance prices. Bakers have been dull as holders are inclined to hold at higher figures than are thought just. The market generally is very quiet and but little doing. Quotations are as follows:—Superior Extra, \$5.05 to \$5.10; Extra Superfine, \$4.95 to \$5; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.85 to \$4.90; Superfine, \$4.60 to \$4.65; Strong Bakers', Canadian, \$5.15 to \$5.40, Strong Bakers', American, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Fine, \$4.15; Middlings, \$3.80 to \$3.90; Pollards, \$3.60; Ontario bags, medium, \$2.30 to \$2.35; do. Spring Extra, \$2.25 to \$2.30; do. Superfine, \$2.15 to \$2.20; City Bags, deliv- ered, \$3.10.

MEALS.—unchanged. Oatmeal, \$1.95 to \$5.00. Cornmeal nominally \$3.90 to \$4.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter.—The market has been rather quiet this week but a steady change in prices to report. Quotations:— Creamery, fresh made, fine flavored, extra, 25c to 27c; do., good to fine, 23c to 25c; Eastern Townships, 20c to 22c; Morrisburg, 18c to 22c; Brockville, 17c to 20c; Western, 15c to 18c. Add 2c per lb. to all of the above for the jobbing trade. Cheese firm, but small business—10c to 11c for August, and 13c to 14c for October September and October; common grades, 7c to 9c.

HOG PRODUCE.—Trade has improved somewhat throughout the week, sales hav- ing increased at slightly higher prices. We quote:—Canada, short cut, \$22.00 to \$22.50; Western, \$21.25 to 21.75; Lard, in pairs, 14c to 14c; Hams, city cured, 14c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Dressed Hogs, \$8.40 to \$8.60 in car lots; \$8.50 to \$8.75 in small bunches.

EGGS.—Scarce at higher prices. Fresh at 30c to 31c and limed 23c to 24c.

ASHES.—Pots rather scarce at \$5.12 1/2 to \$5.15.

FARMERS' MARKET.

With improved weather the farmers are marketing their produce in larger quanti- ties, although those living at a distance have great difficulty in transporting heavy loads over the numerous chotts in the roads. There is an active demand for most kinds of produce and prices are well maintained, al- though not so high as on last week during the scarcity. Oats are 80c to 90c per bag; potatoes 70c to 90c do.; Dressed Hogs \$8.50 to \$9.25 per 100 lbs; beef forequarters \$4.50 to \$5.50 do; do hindquarters \$6 to \$8 do. Turkeys 12c to 15c per lb; geese 10c to 13c do; ducks 12c to 16c do. Tub butter 20c to 25c do; prints 25c to 45c do; old eggs 25c to 30c per dozen; fresh laid eggs 40c to 50c do. Apples \$3 to \$5 per barrel; oranges \$5.50 the case. Tommy Cods 25c to 30c per peck; fresh herrings 25c to 30c per dozen; fresh salmon 25c to 30c per lb; cod, 6c to 7c do; haddock 5c to 6c do. The hay market is largely attended by farmers and prices are weak and tending downward. Good hay brings about \$9 per 100 bundles, with an occasional choice load at \$10. Cow hay brings from \$6.50 to \$8.50 per 100 bundles. Straw is sold at from \$3 to \$5 per 100 bundles, most of the sales being at from \$4 to \$4.50.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The snow blockade has prevented the usual supplies of beef cattle from being brought to the market and the scarcity has caused a great advance in prices, which the butchers very reluctantly pay, and some of them refuse to buy at the present high rates and it is probable that many people will have to keep Lent more rigidly than they had in- tended, owing to the scarcity and high prices of butcher's meat. The best cattle sold at from 5 1/2 to 6c per lb, with a few sales at 6 1/2 do. Large fat bulls and rough old oxen sold at from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per lb and leanish

stock at from 3 1/2 to 4c do. Good calves are in demand at very high rates, but very few of this kind are brought to market. Mut- ton critters are also in request but the few offered are nearly all of common or inferior quality. They sell at from \$4 to \$6 per head. The few live hogs offered brought 7c per lb. Good milch cows have been in great demand of late, but with larger sup- plies prices are again declining.

New York, Feb. 12th, 1883.

GRAIN.—Following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, \$1.20 1/2 Feb., \$1.21 March, \$1.22 April, \$1.24 May. Corn 69 1/2c cash, 72 1/2c Feb., 71 1/2c March, 69 1/2c May. Oats, 48 1/2c cash, 48c Feb., 48 1/2c March, 49 1/2c May. Rye, sales 24,000 State at 75 1/2. We quote: Canada, in bond, 74c; State, 74c to 75c. Pens.—Canada field, 85c to 90c; green peas, \$1.30; black-eyed Southern, \$2.90 to \$3.00 per two bushel bag. Buckwheat, 74c.

FLOUR.—Low Extra, \$3.40 to \$4.60; Superfine, \$3.10 to \$3.45; Spring, \$3.65 to \$3.90 for Winter; Western Spring Clear Extra, \$5.50 to \$6.05; Poor to Choice Fancy, held at \$6.85 to \$7.00; Inferior Clear Extra, \$4.65 to \$5.75; Straight Extra, \$5.50 to \$6.25, up to \$6.75 for Choice, and \$6.60 to \$7.50 for Choice to Fancy; Patent Extra, \$6.35 to \$8.00; Choice Fancy Family Ex- tra, \$6.45 to \$6.80; Buckwheat Flour, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Sales of 250 bags.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Coarse, \$6.75 to \$7.05 per bbl. Corn- meal, Brandywine \$3.85 to \$3.90; City Sacked, coarse, per 100 lbs, \$1.26 to \$1.28; Fine white, and yellow, \$1.35 to \$1.45; no sales. Corn flour, \$3.65 to \$4.80. Grits \$4.25 to \$5.00.

FEED.—100 lbs or sharps, \$22 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, \$20 to \$21; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, \$18.50 to \$19; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$18.50 to \$19; 50 lbs. or medium feed \$18.50 to \$19; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$18.50 to \$19; rye at \$19 per ton; barley feed, \$22.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, per lb., prime, 13c; fancy, 14c to 14c; timothy, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per bushel; domestic flaxseed, \$1.28 to \$1.30; Calcutta linseed, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

BEEF.—A fair average trade. We quote: \$12.50 for plain mess; \$12 to \$13.50 for extra mess; \$13 to \$13.50 for plate; \$14.50 for extra plate; \$27.00 to \$29.00 for extra India mess and \$15 to \$16.00 for packet.

BEEF HAMS.—Fair market at \$20.00 to \$21.

LARD.—The Chicago market prices are, loose long clear, \$9.10; short clear, \$9.45; short rib, \$9.20; shoulders, 6.65c; boxed clear, \$9.35; short clear, \$9.75; short rib, 9.45c; shoulders, \$6.90.

CUTMEATS.—Demand better than last week. We quote: 9c to 9 1/2c for pickled bellies; 8 1/2c for pickled shoulders; 11 1/2c to 12c for pickled hams; 9c for smoked shoulders; 13 1/2c to 13 3/4c for smoked hams.

DRESSED HOGS.—Hogs at 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c and market pigs at 9c.

PORK.—\$19.00 to \$19.25 for new mess; \$15 to \$15.50 for extra prime, \$19 to \$19.50 for family.

LARD.—Prices but little changed. Sale still small. We quote 11 1/2c for Western steam and 11c for city.

STEARINE.—We quote 11 1/2 to 11 3/4. Oleo- margarine, 9 1/2 to 10c.

TALLOW.—We quote 8c to 8 1/2c for prime. Sales of 35,000 lbs reported.

MEAT AND STOCK.—Western heavy wethers, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c per lb; Jersey and near-by calves, 6c. Spring lambs, 6c to 7 1/2c. Live calves, State, fair to prime, 9 1/2c to 10c; Jersey, &c., 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.

USEFUL HINTS.

A knowledge of many little facts that are not always to be had systematically laid down in books, but which descend tradition- ally from mother to daughter by word of mouth, is often more useful to the sorely- tested young house mistress than all the Latin and mathematics that she learned at school can be. She may know how to play Beethoven's sonatas so as to hold a drawing room breathless and entranced, but it stands her poorly if, while she plays, a great ink spot on the drawing room carpet stains her

in the face, that she does not know how to wash out with milk, and clean up afterward with warm and nice soap-suds, or a grease spot that could have been absorbed out of existence by frequent applications of magne- sia or buckwheat flour, if she had only known enough to sprinkle it abundantly on the spot and brush it off afterward. What does it benefit her that her ready wit and repartee can keep a whole dinner table gay, while the fine cookery, that at no end of trouble she has taught her cook, keeps them contented, if the company are forced all the time to be nervously flitting hats and napkins and adjectives against the pestiferous flies that she could have driven away by leaving in the room, an hour or so before- hand, a little preparation of equal quantities of cream and brown sugar, and half as much black pepper, had her mother ever known as much, or thought to tell her of it? Of what use is it to her, living possibly far from bakeries and bread shops, to keep crackers, for instance, in the house if she has never learned how to freshen them by leaving them for three minutes in a hot oven, or to prevent them being nibbled all over by ants by strewing the store-room shelves with a few cloves, occasionally renewed? Such things are trifles, each one by itself, of course, but half a hundred such things can contrib- ute very materially to comfort and good nature in a family.

If the knowledge that the steam of green tea will revive her rusty black lace, and make it as fresh as new, has not descended to her, of what good is it that the lace has? Or why should she have a costly bit of the beautiful Brussels lace in her keeping if no- body has ever told her to shut it away from the air, or from peculiarly strong perfume? She will spend more presently in frequent repairs and re-dressings than the lace cost her in the first place. She can afford possibly to wear gold embroidery, in an era of gold- ing, if she knows enough to clean it, when it tarnishes, with a brush dipped in burned and pulverized rock alum; and she may be splendid and graceful in long, white ostrich plumes that would need as long a purse to provide frequently, if she had never seen them dipped and dipped again in the thick, warm lather of curd soap, then rinsed and dried, and curled over a knitting needle be- fore the fire. She may be the best of cooks, and know how to make twenty different omelets, but if she is not acquainted with the fact that a little salt rubbed on the dis- colored egg-pan will restore its silver tint, she would better not serve the eggs in any shape.

What right has she to be at the head of a family if she is not sufficiently mistress of herself and a few surgical facts to arrest the bleeding of a cut limb by a tight ligature between the cut and the pulsing heart? If she does not know that always handy mus- tard and water will empty the stomach that has received poison, or that the white of an egg, when administered internally, will transform corrosive sublimate with its deadly torture in the simple salivation of blue mass? If she cannot distinguish between apoplexy and drunkenness by knowing that the limb will convulsively withdraw in the former case, if the sole of the foot be tickled, and does not then further know that the clothing must be loosened, and blisters applied to the calves of the legs, the pit of the stomach and the back of the neck, and if she be a pioneer's wife, it would be a useful thing for her to remember that when her grandmother was a pioneer's wife before her, she found pine sawdust nearly as good as soap with which to wash her linen.—Harper's Bazar.

GINGER SNAPS.—One pint of New Orleans molasses, one coffee-cup melted butter; boil together ten minutes. When cold add one teaspoonful of ginger, one of cinnamon, and two of soda. Use as much flour as will work in conveniently; roll very thin, and bake lightly.

ANN'S COOKIES.—Two cups of sugar; flour to roll thin, one cup of butter, one teaspoonful soda, two teaspoonfuls cream tartar; caraway seeds of nutmeg, and even ginger is used if people prefer it. They will keep for months in a dry place.

FRANCIS MURPHY, the temperance talker, is now in Scotland, and writes home that "the work goes on grandly" there. He expects to return to this country soon—pos- sibly next month, certainly not later than May.

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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON VIII.

Feb. 25, 1883. [Acts 5: 1-11.]

ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 9-11.

(Revised Version.)

But a certain man named Ananias with 1 Sapphira, his wife, sold a possession, and kept 2 back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, 3 Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, 4 did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? 5 thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down 6 and gave up the ghost; and great fear came upon all that heard it. And the young men 7 arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him. 8

And it was about the space of three hours 7 after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, 8 Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yes, for so much. But Peter 9 said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? he- hold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out. And she fell down immediately at 10 his feet, and gave up the ghost; and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband. And the whole church, and upon all that heard these things.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Lying lips are an abomi- nation to the Lord."—Prov. 12: 22.

TOPIC.—Lying unto God.

LESSON PLAN.—1. A FEARFUL SIN, vs. 1-4. 2. TERRIBLE JUDGMENT, vs. 5-10. 3. A MIGHTY GHOST, v. 11.

Time.—A. D. 30-34, some time after the last les- son. It is impossible to determine the exact date. Place.—Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTORY.

The disciples were bound together in the closest sympathy and love. They were of one heart and one soul. Those that had houses or lands sold them, so far as was necessary to meet the wants of the poor. This was not done by all, nor was it obligatory upon any. Some did this, and all who had money, even when they did not lay it down at the apostles' feet, held it subject to the need of others. A bright example of one who gave up all is recorded at the close of chapter 4. In our lesson to-day we have, in dark contrast with that, an example of pre- tended sacrifice and deceit, and the swift punishment with which it was visited.

LESSON NOTES.

V. 1. A POSSESSION.—a piece of land (see vs. 3). V. 2. KEPT BACK.—bringing apart, as if that had been the whole. BEING PRIVY TO IT.—knowing of the fraud and consenting to it. V. 3. WHY HATH SATAN.—the devil is a liar and the father of lies. V. 4. LIE.—to tell a falsehood. V. 5. HE- HOLD.—behold. V. 6. FELL DOWN.—and fell upon his face. V. 7. AROSE.—and stood up. V. 8. CARRIED.—first upon those who were present; and afterward upon all who heard of it. V. 9. MIGHTY.—because it was a deed of such magnitude and importance that it was recorded in the Bible. V. 10. FELL DOWN.—and fell upon his face. V. 11. GAVE UP THE GHOST.—died. V. 12. FEAR.—the awe and reverence which the disciples had for God. V. 13. BURIED.—the disciples buried Ananias and Sapphira together. V. 14. THE WHOLE CHURCH.—all the disciples in Jerusalem. V. 15. UPON ALL THAT HEARD THESE THINGS.—the example of Ananias and Sapphira was a warning to all who heard of it.

TEACHINGS: 1. We should hate and shun a lie. 2. We may lie in act as well as in word. 3. God abhors a lie, and lying lips are his abomination. 4. God knows and sees every secret deed and thought. 5. Sin will most surely meet its punishment.

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