

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, April 23, 1884. Chicago is again stronger this week, and some sanguine individuals claim that the bottom of things has been reached and prices are once more on the rise. Quotations are—87 1/2 May, 90 1/2 June, and 91 1/2 July, 92 1/2 August. Corn is weaker at 53 1/2 May, and 54 1/2 June. Liverpool is sullen and weaker, Spring wheat being quoted at 75 3/4 to 75 1/2 and Red Winter 75 3/4 to 75 1/2. The local market is as dull as it can be, prices are lower. 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, 56 to 58 in bond; Peas, 90c to 91c; Barley, 55c to 70c; Rye 63c.

FLOUR.—The market is dull at lower prices. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$5.35 to \$5.40; Extra Superior, \$5.00; Fancy, \$4.50 to \$5.00 Spring Extra \$4.60 to \$4.80; Superior, \$4.00 to \$4.10; Strong Bakers', Can., \$5.10 to \$5.40; do., American, \$5.35 to \$5.45; Fine, \$3.55 to \$3.60; Middlings, \$3.35 to \$3.45; Pollards, \$3.10 to \$3.35; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, \$2.30 to \$2.40; do., Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do., Superior, \$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 \$6.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—New butter is bringing 22c to 25c. The following are the quotations for old:—Eastern Townships, 18c to 21c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 17c to 20c; Western, summer makes, 14c to 17c. Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is quoted at 13 to 14c.

Eggs that are fresh are bringing from 16c

HOG PRODUCTS.—Are very dull We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$20.50 to \$21.00; Canada Short Cut, \$21.50; Hams, city cured, 13 1/2 to 14c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, Western, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c; Canadian, 12c to 12 1/2c; Tallow refined 7c to 9c as to quality. Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs., \$8.75 to \$9.25.

SYRUP AND SUGAR.—Maple Syrup is quoted at 75c to 80c, and Sugar at 36c to 40c.

ASHES are quiet at \$4.25 to \$4.30 for Pots

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The market for beef cattle is in a disorderly state owing to a difference of opinion between the sellers and the butchers as to the proper place for holding the market. Prices continue pretty high for nearly all kinds, ranging from 5c to 6c per lb. for fair to good fat cows and steers, while leaner cows and hard bulls bring from 4c to 5c per lb. Common and inferior calves are very plentiful and sell at from \$2 to \$5 each, while superior calves bring from \$8 to \$12 each. Sheep are in good demand at from \$8 to \$12 each, and spring lambs at from \$5 to \$6.00 each. Live hogs sell at about 7c per lb.

FARMERS' MARKET.

There is a fair attendance of market gardeners and of farmers who reside near to the city, at the markets, and along with the traders they keep the market pretty well supplied with most kinds of seasonable produce. There are no changes to note in the prices of grain, but potatoes are easier and very good. Early Rose and Clark potatoes can be bought for 70c per bag. The supply of eggs is very large and prices are low; old butter is rather dull of sale, but fresh prints of superior quality are in active demand at pretty high rates. The apple market is rather overstocked with more or less unsound fruit, which has to be sold at whatever it will bring. Strawberries are very cheap for so early in the year and have been selling here lately at from 25c to 40c per box. The retail prices of flour and Indian meal are lower. The supply of hay is equal to the demand, but pressed hay is in much greater demand than during the sleighing. Oats are \$1.05 to \$1.15 per bag; peas, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 60c to 70c per bag; Swedish turnips, 60c to 70c do. Tub butter, 18c to 24c per lb.; eggs, 16c to 25c per dozen. Apples, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per barrel; Hay, \$5.50 to \$9.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. Pressed hay, 55c to 70c per 100 lbs.

NEW YORK, April 22, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, 1.02 1/2 May; \$1.04 1/2 June; \$1.04 1/2 July, \$1.04 1/2 August; Corn, 60c April; 60 1/2c May; 60 1/2c June; 62 July; 62 August; Oats, 36 April, 36 1/2 May. Peas, Canada field 90c to 95c; green peas, \$1.38 to \$1.40. Rye, Western, 60c, Canada 74 1/2c, Barley No. 2 State, 79c, Canada No. 1, 77 1/2c, in bond.

FLOUR.—Quotations are: Spring Wheat—No. 2 \$2.15 to \$2.50; Superfine, \$2.50 to \$2.85; Low Extra, \$3.15 to \$3.45; Clear, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Straight (full stock), \$4.90 to \$5.70; Patent, \$5.20 to \$6.60. Winter Wheat, No. 2 \$2.20 to \$2.65; Superfine, \$2.70 to \$3.15; Low Extra, \$3.15 to \$3.50; Clear (R. and A.), \$4.15 to \$5.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.70 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.15 to \$6.35; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.35 to \$5.60; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.60 to \$4.10; West India, sacks, \$3.75 to \$4.85; barrels, Western India, \$5.00; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.00; South America, \$4.90 to \$5.15; Patent, \$5.10 to \$6.00. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.50 to \$5.15; Family, \$3.20 to \$6.25; Rye Flour, Fine \$2.50 to \$2.45; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.60; Unsound Flour, \$2.65 to \$4.25; nil barrels Sour at \$2.50 to \$4.10.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Coarse, \$5.40 to \$5.90 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Western Yellow, \$3.00 to \$3.15; 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, \$2.75 to \$3.75; Hominy, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$22.00 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$19.00 to \$21.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$17.00 to \$18.00; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed \$16.50 to \$17.00; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$16.50 to \$17.00; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$16.50 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 packs \$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.—Good high grades sell readily, and holders are not anxious to keep back, leading to makes sales. The quotations are:—Creamery, new, ordinary to fancy, 21c to 32c. State dairies, old, fair to fine, 15c to 22c; State firms, old, fair to best, 16c to 27c; State Welsh tubs, new, fair to choice, 23c to 27c; Western imitation creamery, new, 18c to 25c; Western dairy, old, ordinary to best, 8c to 12c; Western factory, new, ordinary to best made, 10c to 19c.

CHEESE.—A quiet market with small demand. We quote:—State factory skims to select, 5c to 15c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 2c to 5c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c to 10c.

BEF.—We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Extra India mess \$20.00 to \$23.00; Packet, \$13.00 to \$13.50 in brls.

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

PORK.—We quote:—\$16. to \$17.65 for new or old brands mess; \$17.50 to \$18.00, for new mess; \$16.00 for extra prime; \$18.50 to \$19.50 for clear back \$18.60 to \$19.00 or family.

BACON.—A market much quieter but strong at 8.50c.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, pickled shoulders, 7 1/2c; pickled hams, 11c to 12c; smoked shoulders, 9 1/2c; smoked hams, 13c to 13 1/2c.

LARD.—Prices about steady. City lard bringing 8.60c. Western 8.90c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is at 9 1/2c for choice city. Oleomargarine, weak at 5 1/2c.

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

Yokel to his son at a concert during the performance of a duet:—"D'ye see, Tom, now it's getting late they are singing two at a time so as to get done sooner."—Ecyclogie

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"THE BOSTON Globe": "All quiet on the Rhine." Sargent has dined with Bismarck. If the Globe were better posted in geography it would have said "All still on the Spree."—St John N. B. Telegraph.

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book)

LESSON V. May 4, 1884. (1 Cor. 13: 1-13)

CHRISTIAN LOVE.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. II-11.

- 1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself; charity is not puffed up.
5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.
6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth.
7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8. Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
11. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12. For now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

B. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Love is the fulfilling of the law."—Rom. 13: 10.

HOME READINGS.

- M. 1 Cor. 13: 1-13 Christian Love.
T. Rom. 13: 1-14 Love the Fulfilling of the Law.
W. John 13: 31-38 A New Commandment.
Th. Matt. 22: 34-46 The Great Commandment.
F. 1 John 4: 9-21 "In Deed and in Truth."
S. 1 John 4: 7, 21 Brotherly Love.
S. Pa. 13: 1-14 Brethren in Unity.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Importance of Love. 2. The Character of Love. 3. The Immortality of Love. Time.—A. D. 57. Place.—Written from Ephesus.

INTRODUCTORY.

The apostle has been speaking in the chapter preceding our lesson of the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit, and urging the Corinthian Christians earnestly to desire the best gifts. He now shows them a more excellent way. He sets before them the truths, essential and power of Christian love. In doing this he dwells particularly on three points—viz, its superiority over the extraordinary gifts, its characteristics, and its perpetuity. Observe that throughout the lesson we follow the Revised Version in using the word love instead of charity.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 1. WITH THE TONGUES—languages of every kind, the gift of tongues in its greatest extent. SOUNDING BRASS—mere clattering. TINKLING CYMBAL—empty sound, the sound made of a broad, thin plate of brass. V. 2. PROPHECY—the gift by which mysteries were understood. MYSTERIES—matters of great import made known by God. KNOWLEDGE—as a divine gift. FAITH—not faith as a Christian grace, but is a miracle which gifts—faith to work miracles. CHARITY—love to God and man. NOTHING—in myself, in the sight of God, in the Church. V. 3. RESPECT—literally, "to be out by morsels," the most painstaking self-giving. BODY to be BURNED—the idea is that of sacrificing one's life for others. These words, which denote in love, are noble, but without love they have no value. II.—V. 4. SUFFERETH LONG—means patiently without provocation. KIND—ready to perform good offices. ENVIETH NOT—has no wrong feeling in view of the good of others. V. SEEKETH NOT HER OWN—thinks more of doing than getting. THINKETH NO EVIL—does not imagine men's conduct to be bad motives. V.6. REJOICETH NOT IN INIQUITY—takes no pleasure in hearing others accused or convicted of wrongdoing. V. 7. BRACEH ALL THINGS—believe and obey. BELIEVETH ALL THINGS—no suspicion, inferring evil on slight grounds. HOPETH ALL THINGS—looks for the best, has no regard to others. III.—V. 8. NEVER FAILETH—prophecies will fail, tongues will cease, knowledge will vanish away; love will outlive them all. V. 9, 10. The reason why knowledge and prophecy will cease, they are limited and partial. In the full light of heaven we shall not need these imperfect gifts. V. 11. As the thought and speech of an infant differ from those of a man, and are ungrown, so do our highest gifts and attainments in this life differ from what they will be in the life to come. V. 12. A GLASS, DARKLY; the word of God. DARKLY—"in an enigma," the words and symbols only imperfectly express the divine things they reveal. V. 13. AND THEREBY IN CONTRAST WITH THE GIFTS THAT PASS AWAY. THE GREATEST OF THESE—because it blesses others. Faith and hope are existing; love is superior. God's love. 1 John 4: 16; John 3: 16. Love sends us out in Christ's stead, makes us active and useful for others; so it will abide for ever.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That we must love God with all our heart, and our neighbor as ourselves.
2. That sacrifice or service is of value unless the motive be love.
3. That love makes us kind, thoughtful and forbearing toward others.
4. That it makes us Christ-like in seeking the good of others.
5. That we must have a new heart, and live for Christ, if we would show this love in our lives.

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