

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, April 2, 1884.

Chicago has strengthened a trifle for present delivery and weakened somewhat for summer delivery. The following are the quotations:—8s¹/4 April, 9s¹/4 May 90 June, and 90 July. Corn is lower at 55¹/2 May, and 50¹/2 June. Liverpool is quiet and steady, Spring wheat being quoted at 7s 9d to 7s 11d and Red Winter 8s to 8s 5d. The local market is steady and values are nominal. We quote as follows:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.20 to \$1.22; Canada White, \$1.10 to \$1.12; Canada Spring, \$1.18 to \$1.20; Corn, 75c in bond; Peas, 90; Barley, 55c to 75c; Rye 65c.

Flour.—The market is dull with lower prices. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$5.20 to \$5.55; Extra Superior, \$5.35 to \$5.25; Fancy, \$5.00 to \$5.25; \$4.80 to \$5.00; Superior, \$4.50 to \$4.25; Strong Bakers' Can., \$5.25 to \$5.50; do., American, \$5.45 to \$5.50; Fine, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Middlings, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Pollards, \$3.25 to \$3.35; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, \$2.50 to \$2.60; do., Spring Extra, \$2.25 to \$2.35; do., Superior, \$2.10 to \$2.20; City Bags, delivered, \$2.95 to \$3.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.20 to \$3.40; oatmeal, ordinary, \$4.40 to \$4.60; granulated, \$4.80 to \$6.00.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The market continues dull but firm for old. Some new is coming in. Butter.—The following are the quotations:—Eastern Townships, 19c to 21c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 18c to 20c; Western, summer make, 15c to 17c. Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese—Earlier makes, 11c to 13c as to quality; fall makes, 13c to 14.

Eggs that are fresh are bringing from 20c to 22c.

HOG PRODUCTS.—Are very dull We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Canada Short Cut, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Ham, city cured, 13c to 14c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, Western, 12c to 13c; do., Canadian, 12c to 13c; 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 80c to 85c, and Sugar at 19c to 19 1/2c.

ASHES are quiet at \$4.20 to \$4.25 for Pots.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The breaking up of sleighing has been accompanied with the usual small attendance of farmers at the markets, but market gardeners continue to bring liberal supplies of produce, except potatoes, which have been rather scarce for some days past and prices are on the advance. The prices of oats are fully ten cents per bag higher than they were ten days ago, and eggs are also considerably dearer than they were, as the supply of packed eggs is very light for the season, and farmers are not able to bring their eggs to market. The fish market was considerably demoralized during the soft weather of last week, but the colder weather has since imparted considerable strength to prices. There is still a considerable quantity of hay being brought across on the ice from the South side of the St. Lawrence, but the prices of the best are higher. Oats are \$1.00 to \$1.15 per bag; peas, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 60c to 80c per bag; Swedish turnips, 60c to 70c do.; dressed hogs are \$9.00 to \$9.50 per 100 lbs; turkeys, 11c to 16c per lb; geese, 9c to 12c do.; fowls, 10c to 15c do; ducks, 12c to 15c do. Tub butter, 18c to 25c per lb; eggs, 25c to 30c per dozen. Apples, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per barrel; Hay, \$1.50 to \$5.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The market continues to be well supplied with beef cattle, both in quantity and quality; veal calves are also pretty numerous, but generally of small size and indifferent quality. Choice butchers' cattle sell at 5 1/2 to 5 1/2c per lb, and fair conditioned steers and fat cows at about 5c do, while the rougher animals sell at from 4 1/2 to 4 1/2c do. Very few lean beef critters have been sold here of late. Small calves sell at from \$1.50 to \$5 each and superior veals at \$10.00 to \$15.00 each. Sheep bring from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each and spring lambs \$3.50 to \$5.50 each. Live hogs are plentiful and

sell at about 6 1/2c per lb. Shippers are paying from 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c per lb, for fair to good shipping steers, and a lot of extra animals were lately sold here at 7c per lb, live weight.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, \$1.01 April; \$1.03 May; \$1.04 June. Corn, 59 1/2c April; 61 1/2c May; 62 1/2c June. Oats, 36 1/2c March; 37 1/2c April; 37 1/2c June. Peas, Canada field 90c to 95c; green peas; \$1.38 to \$1.40. Rye, Western, 69c, Canada 74 1/2c, Barley No 2 State 81c. Canada No 1, 77 1/2c.

Flour.—Quotations are: Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.50 to \$2.80; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.35; Clear \$4.50 to \$5.15; Straight, (full stock), \$5.05 to \$5.80; Patent, \$5.30 to \$6.75. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.25; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.65; Clear (R. and A.), \$4.15 to \$5.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.75 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.50; Straight (White Wheat) \$4.50 to \$5.75; Low Extra (City Mill), \$4.05 to \$4.15; West India, sacks, \$4.05 to \$5.00; barrels, West India, \$5.20; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.20; South America, \$5.10 to \$5.35; Patent, \$5.10 to \$6.10. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.65 to \$3.35; Family, \$3.55 to \$6.00; Rye Flour,—Fine to superfine \$2.65 to \$3.55.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Coarse, \$5.50 to \$6.25 per barrel. Cornmeal, Bran, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Western Yellow, \$3.00 to \$3.20; Bag meal, Coarse City \$1.18 to \$1.20; Fine white, \$1.30 to \$1.40; Fine yellow, \$1.40 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$2.75 to \$4.00; Hominy, \$3.30 to \$3.90 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs, or sharps, at \$21.00 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$20.00 to \$21.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$20; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed \$20.00; 50 lbs or medium feed, \$20.00; 40 lbs or No. 2 feed, \$20. Rye feed at \$19.00 to \$19 to \$20 per ton.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, 9 1/2c to 10 1/2c for ordinary to extra choice—sales mainly at 9 1/2c to 10c; timothy, retail parcels \$1.55 to \$1.70; round lots \$1.50 to \$1.60; domestic flaxseed \$1.55 to \$1.65; Calcutta linseed, \$1.90 to \$1.95.

BUTTER.—The tone of the market is distinctly weaker but choice grades are in good demand and are not accumulating. The quotations are:—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 25c to 37c. State dairies, fair to fine, 16c to 20c; State Irish, fair to best, 16c to 30c; Western imitation creamery, 18c to 21c; Western dairy, ordinary to best, 10c to 17c; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 10c to 22c.

CHEESE.—A steady market. We quote:—State factory skims to select, 7c to 15c; Pennsylvania skims good to prime, 3c to 8 1/2c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c 11c.

BEEF.—We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.00 to \$13.00; Extra India mess \$23.00 to \$25.00; Packet, \$13.50 to \$14.00 in bbls.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$25.00 to \$26.50 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—We quote:—\$17. to \$17.75 for old brands mess; \$18.50 to \$18.75, \$17.00 to \$17.50 for extra prime, \$18.50 to \$20.50 for clear back and \$18.50 to \$20.00 for family.

BACON.—A market much quieter but strong at 9 1/2c.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb, average, 8 1/2c to 8 1/2c; pickled shoulders, 8 1/2c; pickled hams, 12c to 13c; smoked shoulders, 9c; smoked hams, 13c to 14c.

LARD.—Prices are about steady. City lard bringing 9 1/2c. Western 9.50c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is at 9 1/2c to 10c for choice city. Oleomargarine, weak at 8 1/2c.

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

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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON 11.

April 13, 1884. [Acts 19: 8-22]

PAUL AT EPHEBUS.

8. And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly there, disputing with the Jews and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9. But when divers were hardened, and he believed not, but spake evil of him way before the multitude, he departed from them and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jew and Greek.

11. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul.

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them; and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16. And the man in whom the evil spirit was reposed on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.

19. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men; and counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

21. After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds."—Acts 19: 18.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 19: 8-22;.....Paul at Ephesus.
L. John, 18: 1-22;.....Sorcery Deounced.
W. Jer. 29: 8-19;.....False Prophecy.
Th. Isa. 55: 1-15;.....God's Word shall Prosper.

F. Luke 14: 23-35;.....The Feast of Discipleship.

P. Phil. 3: 1-14;.....All for Christ.

A. 1 Tim. 6: 1-12;.....The Fain of Godliness.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Apostles' Work. 2. The Failure of the Exorcists. 3. The Power of Divine Grace. 4. Looking toward Rome.

Time.—A. B. 5, 5c. Place.—Ephesus.

INTRODUCTORY.

The great fact of this lesson is the power of the word of God in Ephesus and Asia. No where had there been more wonderful tokens of the might of the gospel than attended Paul's ministry there. The opposing obstacles were great and numerous, and yet the gospel triumphed over them all.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 8. HE WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE—making the Gospel offer first to the Jews, as was usual (see ch. 17: 2, 3). DISPUTING—contending, discussing. THE KINGDOM OF GOD—the religion of Jesus. V. 9. WELL HARDENED—in heart, a willful rejection of the truth. SPAKE EVIL—perhaps blasphemed as usual Antioch (ch. 13: 46) & Corinth (ch. 18: 6). THAT WAY—the way of salvation through Christ. SEPARATED THE DISCIPLES—the ones going to the synagogue. THE SCHOOL OF TYRANNUS—a place where Tyrannus taught his children, but used. He was probably converted to Christianity before he was converted to Christianity. V. 11. TWO YEARS—his time, after he left the synagogue. His wife stayed in Ephesus lasted three years (ch. 20: 31). ASIA—the Roman province, or Proconsular Asia, of which Ephesus was the capital. V. 12. MIRACLES—wonders; extraordinary. V. 13. APLOUS—worn in the hairy coat with which he supported himself (ch. 18: 8).

II.—V. 13. VAGABOND JEWS—strolling Jews. EXORCISTS—pretending to have the power of driving out evil spirits out of persons possessed, and's miracles secured to them only a higher and of juggery, and they attempted to use the name of Jesus as a spell to cast out evil spirits.

III.—V. 17. FEAR—religious awe. MAGNIFIED—honored. V. 18. CONFESSED—the sin of their dealings with magicians. V. 19. WHICH USED—those who the practitioners of magic; those of V. 21, the dupes and consultants. THEIR BOOKS—traisals on magic or written amulets, supposed to have some magical power. If all bad books were treated in this way now, what a fortune they would make! FIFTY THOUSAND—probably about \$5,000. Books were then very costly.

IV.—V. 20. MACEDONIA AND ACHAEA—the two real divisions of Greece after the Roman conquest. I MUST ALSO SEE ROME—so he did all his plans were carried out, but not in the manner he proposed. V. 22. INTO MACEDONIA—and into Achaia also, to preach the gospel, or the visit of Paul (1 Cor. 4: 13; 16: 4). HE STAYED—STAYED—for the reason see 1 Cor. 16: 5, 9.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That saving faith will lead us to confess and forsake sin.
- 2. That God may give the widest success in the most unpromising field.
- 3. That we are to adapt the means we use to the work which we are to do.
- 4. That the rejection of the truth hardens the heart.
- 5. That whatever in us does and debases us should be given up and destroyed.

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