

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3rd, 1883.
 The grain market is dull. Canada White Winter \$1.04 to \$1.05; Canada Red \$1.06 to \$1.08; Canada Spring, \$1.06 to \$1.07. Peas, 90c per 66 lbs. Barley, 60c to 70c per bushel. Oats, 34c to 35c. Rye 60c per bushel.

FLOUR.—The market is easy, with prices lower than they were last week. Quotations are as follows:—Superior Extra, \$4.75; Extra Superfine, \$4.60 to \$4.65; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.55 to \$4.60; Superfine, \$4.40; Strong Bakers', Canadian, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Strong Bakers', American, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Fine, \$3.90 to \$4; Middlings, \$3.70 to \$3.80; Pollards, \$3.50; Ontario lags, medium, \$2.25 to \$2.30; do. Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do. Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$3.15 to \$3.20.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$5.10 to \$5.40.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter.—The market is dull and prices the same as last week. Quotations:—Creamery, fresh made, fine flavored, extra, 26c to 27c; do., good to fine, 23c to 25c; Eastern Townships, 20c to 22c; Morrisburg, 18c to 21c; Brockville, 17c to 20c; Western, 15c to 18c. Add 2c per lb. to all of the above for the jobbing trade. Cheese.—Prices unchanged from last week—10 1/2c to 11c for August, and 12c to 13c for choice September and October; common grades, 7c to 9c.

Eggs.—Quiet at 25c to 30c according to quality and freshness.

TOO PRODUCERS are in nothing changed since last report. We quote: Western Pork, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Canada short cut, \$22; Hams, city cured, 15c to 15 1/2c; do. canned, 16c to 16 1/2c; Bacon, 14c to 15c; Lard, in pails, 13c to 14c; Hogs, \$8.50 to \$8.75 per 100 lbs.

DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.—Good poultry is scarce and prices for best qualities are high. We quote:—Turkeys, 10c to 14c; Geese, 9c to 10c; Ducks, 9c to 11c; Chickens, 8c to 10c per lb.; Partridges, 7c to 80c per brace; Hares, 25c to 30c per couple; Venison, carcases, 8c to 9c; do. hind-quarters, 6c to 11c per lb.

ASHES.—Pots, steady at \$4.50. Pearls nominal.

THE COUNTRY MARKETS.
 The markets are almost deserted since the new year began, as both buyers and sellers seem unwilling to end the festive season too early. The supply of produce was pretty large last week, but prices were well maintained except for hay, which, owing to the very liberal supplies as well as the prospective larger supplies from the south side of the St. Lawrence in a few days when the ice bridge gets firmer, has caused a considerable decline in prices. Good hay brings from \$9.50 to \$11 per 100 bushels, hay of common and inferior quality sells at from \$7 to \$9 do. Only a few head of butchers' cattle were offered on the markets on Tuesday, and prices were firm although very few butchers were present. Good fat cows and steers sell at from 5c to 5 1/2c per lb. Dressed hogs are advancing in price and carlots are worth from 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c per lb., while smaller lots command higher rates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30th, 1882.
GRAIN.—Following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, \$1.00; Dec., \$1.00; Jan., 1.11; Feb., \$1.13; March, \$1.15. May. Corn, 66 1/2c; Jan., 64 1/2c; Feb., 63 1/2c; May, 64 1/2c; Dec., 46 1/2c; Jan., 46 1/2c; Feb., 46 1/2c; March, 46 1/2c; May, 46 1/2c. Rye, Western, 68 to 69 1/2c; Canada, in bond, 70 1/2c; State, 69 to 70c. Peas—Canada field, 5c to 9c; green peas, \$1.30 to \$1.35; black-eyed Southern, \$2.75 per two bushel bag. Buckwheat, 75c.

FLOUR.—Low Extra, \$3.65 to \$4.25; Superfine, \$3.10 to \$3.25 to \$3.40; do. \$3.70 for Winter; Western Spring Clear Extra, \$5.25 to \$5.65; Patent Choice Fancy, held at \$7.75 to \$7.25; Inferior Clear Extra, \$5.15 to \$5.40; Straight Extra, \$5.50 to \$6.00, up to \$7.25 for Choice, and \$7.25 to \$7.35 for Choice to Fancy; Patent Extra, \$6.25 to \$7.40; Choice Family Extra, \$6.40 to \$6.75; Buckwheat Flour, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Coarse, \$5.50 to \$7.15 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine \$3.90; City Sacked, coarse, per 100 lbs, \$1.20 to \$1.22; Fine White, \$1.40 to \$1.45; Fine Yellow,

\$1.55 to \$1.65. Corn flour, \$4.25 to \$4.75 Grits \$4.25, to \$4.75.

BEEF.—We quote: \$11.50 for plain mess; \$12.50 for extra mess; \$13 for plate; \$14 for extra plate; \$24 to \$27.50 for city extra India mess and \$15 to \$15.50 for packer.

BEEF HAMS.—Steady market at \$18.00 to \$19.00; fair distribution.

BACON.—The Chicago market prices are, loose long clear, 8.65c; short clear, 9c; short rib, 8.75c; shoulders, 6.40c; boxed long clear, 8.65c; short clear, 9c; short rib, 8.95c; shoulders, 6.65c.

CUTMEATS.—Prices still below what sellers are inclined to accept. We quote: 9 1/2c to 9 3/4c for pickled bellies; 8c to 8 1/2c for pickled shoulders; 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c for pickled hams; 9c to 9 1/2c for smoked shoulders; 13c to 13 1/2c for smoked hams.

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

PORK.—Demand light. \$18.37 1/2 to \$18.75 for plain mess; \$14.00 to \$14.50 for extra prime, \$18 to \$18.50 for family.

LARD.—No sale of Western steam and 10 1/2c for city.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine, slow sales at 11c to 11 1/2. Oleomargarine, 9 1/2c to 10c; no sales.

TALLOW.—Dealing is in small parcels steady at 7 1/2c to 7 15-16c for prime; not quoted for packages.

MEAT STOCK.—Western heavy wethers, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c per lb; Jersey and near-by 4c to 5c. Spring lambs, 5c to 6 1/2c. Live calves, State, fair to prime, 7c to 9 1/2c; Jersey, &c., 9 1/2c to 10c; butter-milk fed, 4c to 4 1/2c; grassers, 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c. Dressed veals, from 9c to 10c. For poor to fair, to 12c to 13c for choice.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, \$21 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, \$18 to \$19; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, \$19; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$18; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$18; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$19; rye feed at \$20 per ton; barley feed, \$23.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, 1 1/2c per lb., prime, 10 1/2c; fancy, 11 to 11 1/2c; timothy, \$1.85 to \$2.05 per bushel; domestic flaxseed, \$1.28 to \$1.30; Calcutta linseed, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

A HAPPY HOME.
 A pretty story about a German family discloses the secret of a happy home, wherein joy abounded, though there are many to feed and clothe:
 A teacher once lived in Strasburg who had hard work to support his family. His chief joy in life, however, was in his nine children, though it was no light task to feed them all.
 His brain would have reeled and his heart sunk, had he not trusted in his heavenly Father, when he thought of the number of jackets, shoes, stockings and dresses they would need in the course of a year, and of the quantity of bread and potatoes they would eat.
 His house, too, was very close quarters for the many beds and cribs, to say nothing of the room required for the noise and fun which the merry nine made.
 But father and mother managed very well, and the house was a pattern of neatness and order.
 One day there came a guest to the house. As they sat at dinner the stranger, looking at the hungry children about the table, said compassionately, "Poor man, what a cross you have to bear!"
 "I? A cross to bear?" asked the father, wonderingly; "what do you mean?"
 "Nine children, and seven boys at that!" replied the stranger, adding bitterly, "I have but two, and each of them is a nail in my coffin."
 "Mine are not," said the teacher with decision.
 "How does that happen?" asked the guest.
 "Because I have taught them the noble art of obedience. 1-7-7 that so, children?"
 "Yes," cried the children.
 "And you obey me willingly?"
 The two little girls laughed roguishly, but the seven youngsters shouted, "Yes, dear father, truly."
 Then the father turned to the guest and said, "Sir, if Death were to come in at that door, waiting to take one of my nine children, I would say, '—and here he pulled off his velvet cap and hurried it at the door—'Rascal, who cheated you into thinking that I had one too many?"
 The stranger sighed; he saw that it was only disobedient children that make a father unhappy.

One of the nine children of the poor schoolmaster afterward became widely known; he was the saintly pastor Oberlin.—From the German.

READ IT ON YOUR KNEES.
 Teach them to read with prayer. I remember a devoted servant of God who was known for his deep knowledge of the Word. I asked him if he would give me a few hints on Bible reading. He said, "Yes, he would." "How shall I read it so as to learn as you do?" "Read it on your knees." "But how am I to study it?" "Read it on your knees." "But tell me on what plan to read to profit." "Read it on your knees—that's all the plan I have." I could get nothing else from him; I tried it, and I have found out the value of the advice. Teach the children to read the Word with prayer, so shall they find it speaking to their consciences and hearts. And there should be a prayerful spirit not only before reading, but also while reading and after reading.
 Another point. A lady said to me, "I don't think children should read the Bible before they are converted." "Well," I replied, "the reading of the Word has been the means of the conversion of many." I can recall many, many cases in which the simple reading of the Word has led the children to Jesus.
 I remember when I was with Mr. Aitken at Llandudno last year, a little girl stayed behind with others, after one of his meetings for children. She was crying, and I said, "Can I help you?" "Yes, you can, for I'm in trouble." "What is it?" "I have joined the Scripture Union, and have been reading the Bible and hoping to be able to do what Jesus says, but I can't." "Mr. Aitken has just been asking you if you can say, 'Jesus is mine, and I am His,' can you say that?" "Yes, I can say it, but I'm just as naughty as ever." "What have you taken when you took Jesus?" "I have taken a Saviour." I explained as simply as I could that if we have taken Him as a Saviour we must take Him as a Master to serve, a Teacher to guide, a Helper to enable us to obey what He teaches, and when we have received Him as Saviour, Master, Teacher, and Helper, then we know Him as our best Friend. "I never thought of that," she said, and then kneeling down she said, "Dear Jesus, you shall be my Saviour, my Master, my Teacher, my Helper, for I want you for my Friend." Then looking up she said, "and I mean it." We met occasionally after that, and she gave every evidence of being a real follower of Jesus. Now she has gone back to her high school in the west of London.
 The girls laughed at her when she confessed Christ. By God's grace, however, this little one only eleven years of age, persevered, and now she has been the means of leading more than one of her school companions to Jesus.—Rev. W. S. Standen, in Word and Work.

BRAISED CELERY.—Take six good heads of celery, trim to about six inches in length, parboil them in water with a little salt about ten minutes; take them out and drain them in a cloth or hair sieve, then place in a stew-pan with one pint of stock-broth, add a little grated nutmeg and some seasoning, and boil gently for one hour; when cooked take out the heads with a slice, drain on a cloth, and boil the sauce for a few minutes. Place the celery in a hot dish, and strain the boiling sauce over it; garnish the sides with some small pieces of well buttered, fresh-made toast, and serve very hot.

GRAHAM BREAD.—One quart of warm water, one small cup of hop yeast made into a sponge with wheat flour, and let it rise over night. In the morning add four table-spoonfuls of molasses, one teaspoonful of salt, and Graham flour as thick as can be stirred with a spoon, let it rise until it has put into two bread tins, let it rise again, and bake in a moderate oven nearly an hour.

APPLE TRIFLE.—Peel, core and boil till tender, a dozen tart apples, with the rind of a lemon grated; strain through a sieve, add sugar to taste, and put into a deep fruit-dish. Make a custard of a pint of cream and the yolks of two eggs, with a little sugar. When cold lay it over the apples with a spoon, and over the whole place whipped cream.

CRANBERRY RELISH.—Stew a quart of cranberries till soft. Put through a sieve and add two-thirds as much white sugar as

there is of the sifted fruit. Stirral together and simmer half an hour longer. Pour out into small sauce-dishes—a tablespoonful in each—and set away till cooled and jellied, then use as a relish for breakfast or tea.

SCHOLARS' NOTES.
 (From Westminster Question Book.)
LESSON II.
 Jan 14, 1883. [Acts 2:1-16.]
THE DESCENDING SPIRIT.
COMME'NT TO MEMORY VS. 1-4.
 (Revised Version.)
 And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues as of fire, sitting apart, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
 Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, How hold are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we, every man in our own language, in Parthia and in Persia and in Media, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and solitaires from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues the mighty works of God. And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What meaneth this? But others mocking said, They are filled with new wine.
 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be ye not drunk with wine, which is not lawful to be drunken on, seeing it is but the third hour of the day; but this is that which hath been spoken by the prophet Joel:
GOLDEN TEXT.—"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost."—ACTS 2:4.
TOPIC.—The Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
LESSON PLAN.—I. STRANGE SIGNS, VS. 1-2. II. NEW POWER, VS. 3. III. GREAT WONDER, VS. 3-13. IV. PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT, VS. 14-18. V. TIME—A.D. 30. The day of Pentecost, ten days after the ascension. Place.—Jerusalem.
INTRODUCTION.
 The disciples continued to wait for ten days in united prayer, according to their Master's command. During this interval Matthias was chosen by lot to fill the place from which Judas fell, on the day of Pentecost the parting promise of their Master was fulfilled, as we learn in to-day's lesson.
LESSON NOTES.
 V. 1. PENTECOST—literally, the fiftieth. A Jewish feast held seven weeks after the passover. It was sometimes called the feast of weeks. Lev. 23:16. It marked the latter harvest, and Levee was also called the feast of harvest. Ex. 23:16. ALL—see ch. 1:15. WITH ONE ACCORD, earnest and united. IN ONE PLACE—the upper room mentioned in ch. 1:13. Here, for ten days, they had waited and prayed, according to their Master's parting direction. Now the answer came, and a sound—like the blowing of a strong wind. 17.—the sound. V. 3. CLOVEN TONGUES—Revised Version,—"tongues parting asunder," or distributing themselves one on each of the disciples. LIKE AS OF FIRE—fire is a frequent symbol of God. Isa. 4:4; Mat. 3:12; Mat. 3:11. A fire which purifies a company of believers. FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST—the divine Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead. This was the fulfilment of the Saviour's parting promise. WITH OTHER TONGUES—in languages they had never learned; one of the signs promised them. Mark 16:17. V. 5. DWELLING—signifying there for the time, having come to the feast. DEVOUT MEN—pious, God-fearing men, the best witnesses. V. 6. CONFUNDED—greatly perplexed. V. 7. AMAZED—MIRACULOUS—the miraculous gift struck them with wonder, but did not convert them of sin or lead them to faith in Christ. Men are convicted, not by miracles, but only by the Holy Ghost through the truth. Luke 16:31. V. 9, 10. These verses show how widely the Jews were scattered. PROSELYTES—gentile converts to the Jewish faith. V. 12. WERE IN DOUBT—Revised Version, "were perplexed." V. 13. OTHERS MOCKING—perhaps the very ones who had brought a like charge against their Master. Luke 23:11. V. 14. PETER—no longer timid, but full of courage. The new baptism had made him a new man. V. 15. THE THIRD HOUR—nine o'clock in the morning. 200 cups for any one to be drunk. In those days even drunkards were drunken only at night. 1 Thess. 5:7. V. 16. THE PROPHECY—Joel—Joel 2:28-32. This quotation is all the more impressive because it had probably, according to custom, just been read in the Temple on that service.
TEACH SON:
 1. Jesus is faithful to all his promises.
 2. He who receives what Jesus promises needs nothing more.
 3. Jesus will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.
 4. If we are faithful and earnest, we may expect mockers to speak evil of us.
 5. Prophets of old foresaw the glory of Christ's kingdom.

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