

MORALS AND LITERATURE.

The day was, when the startling realism of the Bronte sisters (to put it mildly) met with the sternest censure and fiercest ostracism of right thinking people. Dr. Brownson goes the length of declaring that "there are passages in 'Jane Eyre' which show that women can enter into, and describe with minute accuracy, the grossest passions of man's nature, which men could not describe to their own sex without a blush." And yet, in her biography of its author, Mrs. Gaskill would have us believe that when Charlotte Bronte violated convention (again, to put it mildly) she did so unwittingly; and that the daring utterances of the Yorkshire curate's daughters were simply the innocent expression of morbid temperaments acted on by exceptional environments. Apologists have also been found for the agnostic sophisms and psychological subtleties of Mrs. Humphrey Ward, on the grounds that they are not set forth in "Robert Elsmere" and "David Grieve" with malice prepense and aforethought, for the destruction of believing souls, but that they are merely the writer's private uncertainties in ethics, her own personal perplexities in dogma and doctrine. But, whether it is a question of murder or manslaughter, whether it be an uncalculated slaying of souls or cold-blooded intent to kill, woe betide the woman who unsettles her readers' minds, or who leads them astray in issues of the affections or of the marriage relations! Like the fishermen of the Arabian legend, she has led forth unto destruction an evil and powerful genius whom she will never again be able to imprison in the gloomy casket of her own fancy.

Accursed is the age, accursed the commonwealth, that ceases to respect, to reverence, the innocence of the young. Even the pagans wrote: "Maxima debetur puero reverentia;" and the ancient Egyptians at the obsequies of their dead, proclaimed the departed spirit damned or saved, according as it had wronged or revered little children during life. Conscientiously careful, tenderly strong, must be the pen that traces the first impression upon the soft pure wax of the virgin mind. Those gravings will outlive the inscriptions cut upon bronze and granite.

Literature, it is true, as Cardinal Newman reminds us, can never be anything else than the manifestations of human nature in human language; that, as science is the reflection of physical nature, literature is the reflection of nature, moral and social. We cannot eliminate the evidences of human passion from the records of human life, and our age of fiction is pre-eminently introspective and analytical. But surely, my sisters, in order to be true to nature, we are not called upon to dip our pens into the stinking slush of foul and debasing passions. In order to be faithful to reality we are not obliged to lay bare to the vulgar the most sacred esoteric mysteries; to make our toilets in public; to expose ourselves, as a master mind has phrased it, in the market place, unveiled and unrobed, to the gaze of a profane world.

If we must faithfully portray nature in our works, my sisters and co-laborers, let us not forget the God of nature in His works. Let us give to the world something better than the vintage of an intoxicating and effervescent romance passed from the dried grapes of exhausted passion and erotic prurency. Let us offer it, not "devil's wine," but "God's wine"—a distillation from the fresh herbs and sweet-smelling simples of a chaste pasturage, giving to fainting souls and faltering hearts the royal cordial of the golden and La Grande Chartreuse. The dove that goes forth from the saying ark of a purified literature must not pause to dissect the putrid carcasses tossed upon the rocks by the raging deluge of human passions.—*Fleanor C. Donnelly at Catholic Congress.*

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COMMERCIAL.

FLOUR GRAIN, Etc.

Flour.—There is no demand for Newfoundland, where large stocks of American flour are held costing 25c to 35c per bush less money than they can be bought for to-day. Ninety per cent straight rollers cannot be laid down here on track for less than \$3.20, while ordinary can laid down at \$3.15. There have been sales of straight roller 90 per cent at \$1.50 in bags, and we quote \$1.50 to \$1.55. Winter patents have sold at \$3.50 to \$3.60; and spring patents at \$3.70 to \$3.80. Manitoba strong bakers flour is quoted at \$1.25 to \$3.55 and choice brands at \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Patent Spring.....\$3.85 @ 4.05
Patent Winter.....3.45 @ 3.55
Straight Roller.....2.15 @ 2.25
Extra.....2.50 @ 3.05
Superfine.....2.50 @ 2.70
Flour.....2.20 @ 2.35
City Strong Bakers.....3.55 @ 3.75
Manitoba Bakers.....3.25 @ 3.50
Ontario bags-extra.....1.40 @ 1.50
Straight Rollers.....1.50 @ 1.55
Superfine.....1.25 @ 1.40
Flour.....1.10 @ 1.20

Oatmeal.—In jobbing lots we quote as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$4.25 to \$4.35, standard \$3.75 to \$4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled, \$2.00 to \$2.10, and standard, \$1.75 to \$1.95.

Feed.—Car lots of bran have been made at \$15, which is \$1 lower on the week, and we quote \$14.50 to \$15. There is no surplus stock however. Shorts have sold at \$18 to \$18.50, and moult is dull at \$20.00 to \$21.50 as to grade.

Wheat.—A lot of 10,000 bushels of No. 2 red winter wheat is offered on this market at 65c, but it does not seem to draw a bid. We quote No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat in this market at 74c to 75c nominally. New red winter wheat has been sold at 55c west of Toronto, and old at 53c.

Corn.—There is no business on spot to guide prices, which are nominally quoted at 45c to 50c in bond, and at 60c to 62c for car lots duty paid.

Peas.—Sales during the past two or three days at 69c to 69 1/2c per 60 lbs in store. West of Toronto the price is still quoted at 18c per 60 lbs.

Oats.—Sales of car lots in store at 35c per 34 lbs. one lot selling at 34c. For car lots for the local trade 30c was bid for No. 3 white.

Barley.—We quote malting grades 48c to 55c. Feed barley is quoted at 44c to 43c.

Malt.—The market is quiet but steady at 70c to 75c.

Rye.—The market is purely nominal in the absence of any enquiry, and we quote 56c to 57c.

Buckwheat.—There is no demand at the moment, and prices are nominally quoted at 50c to 52c.

PROVISIONS.

Pork, Lard, &c.—Hog products are firm, especially Canadian short cut mess pork, which has gone up another \$1 to \$1.50 during the week, rates having transpired in small jobbing lots at \$24 and \$25. In lard there have been sales of compound at \$1.70 per pound and at \$1.90. Smoked meats are in fair demand for the season at about former prices. A few small lots of dressed hogs have been sold at \$8 to \$8.25. We quote as follows:—

Canada short cut pork per bbl.\$23.50 @ 25.00
Canada clear mess, per bbl.22.00 @ 23.00
Chicago short cut mess, per bbl.22.00 @ 22.50
Mess pork, American, new, per bbl. 21.50 @ 22.00
India mess beef, per tierce.....00.00 @ 00.00
Extra mess beef, per bbl.00.00 @ 00.00
Hams, city cured, per lb.12 @ 14c
Lard, pure in pails, per lb.11 @ 12 1/2c
Lard, com. in pails, per lb.8 @ 9c
Bacon, per lb.11 @ 12 1/2c
Shoulders, per lb.10 1/2 @ 11c

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Dairy butter is not too plentiful, and Eastern Township have been sold at 21c to 21 1/2c for fine late made. We quote prices as follows:—

Creamery September.....23 1/2c to 23c
Creamery August.....21 1/2c to 22c
Eastern Townships.....19c to 21c
Western.....17c to 19c

Cheese.—Choice Western September may be quoted at 11 1/2c to 11c. We quote prices here as follows:—

Finest Western colored.....11 1/2c to 11c
Finest Western white.....11 1/2c to 11c
Finest Quebec.....11 1/2c to 11c
Underpriced.....10 1/2c to 11c
Liverpool cable white.....5 1/2c
Liverpool cable colored.....5 1/2c

Exports.—The exports for the season at the close of last week were 1,221,118 boxes against 1,248,825 for the period in 1892.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs.—The market continues firm at 15c to 16c, the latter price for single cases. A lot of 50 cases of good candied stock was sold at 14c, and another lot of 100 cases is offered at same price.

Beans.—Sales of choice hand-picked beans have been made at \$1.50, and we quote \$1.50 to \$1.70 as to size of lot and quantity. Ordinary good \$1.25 to \$1.40, and inferior \$1.00 to \$1.10.

Maple Products.—Syrup at 4c to 5c in wood, and 50c to 60c in tins. Sugar is dull at 6c to 7c per lb.

Honey.—Comb has sold at 11c to 12c for mixed, and choice white clover honey at 13c to 14c. Sales of new extracted at 7 1/2c to 8c, with old at 5c to 6c.

Hops.—The sale is reported of a lot of new hops on the county at equal to 17c here, but the report was not confirmed. Brewers pay 17c to 17 1/2c. We quote new Canadian purely nominal at 17 1/2c to 22c according to buyers' and sellers' views.

Baled Hay.—At \$9 to \$9.25 f.o.b. Here transactions are reported at \$10.50 alongside vessel.

Ashes.—The market is steady at \$4.55 to \$4.60 for first pots, no second being here. Stock yesterday was 21 pots and 8 pearls.

FRUITS, Etc.

Apples.—Common to good \$1.50 to \$1.75; fancy round fruit \$2.75 to \$3. Car lots of fine fall fruit have sold at \$2.25.

Oranges.—Free arrivals of Floridas \$1.25 to \$2.75, Jamaica in bbls \$5 to \$5.50; boxes, \$3 to \$3.50.

Lemons.—Prices are quoted at \$2.50 to \$2 per case.

Peaches.—California selling at \$1 to \$1.10; Canadian in baskets at 90c to \$1.

Pears.—Barlett's \$3.50 per box; Winter Nellis \$2.75 to \$3 and baskets 90c to \$1.10.

Cranberries.—Are unchanged at \$7.50 to \$3 per barrel.

Bananas.—Are quoted all the way from 50c to \$1.

Dates.—Are selling at 5 1/2c per lb.

Cocoa Nuts.—Remain unchanged at \$4 to \$4.25 per bag of 100.

Grapes.—We quote: Concorda 2 1/2c to 2 1/2c; Niagara 2 1/2c to 3c; Rogers 2 1/2c to 3c per lb; Malaga in kegs \$3.75 to \$5 as to soundness of the fruit.

Plums.—Are selling well at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box.

New Potatoes.—\$1.10 from \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bu. for choice stock.

Quinces.—Selling at 80c to \$1 per basket.

Onions.—Native onions are quoted at \$2 to \$2.50 per bu; Spanish in crates sold at 70c to 75c in round lots and at 85c to 95c in small quantities.

Potatoes.—Prices quoted at about 50c to 55c on track.

FISH AND OILS.

Pickled Fish.—Newfoundland Shore herrings are still quoted at \$4, and Cap-Breton at \$1 to \$5.25. Green cod at \$1.00 to \$1.25 for No. 1. Dry cod \$1.25 to \$1.50. In cases of 100 lb., \$5.50 to \$6.00.

Oil.—Newfoundland cod oil has been placed at 30c net cash and we quote 30c to 37c. Steam refined seal oil quoted at 48c to 45c. Old cod liver oil 45c to 50c, and new 55c to 60c; Norwegian 75c to 80c.

Dried Fish.—Boneless cod 8c to 6 1/2c per lb, and ordinary dried fish at 4c to 5c. Smoked herring 12c to 15c per box.

Annual Fish.—Lob tere \$6.00 per case for tails, and \$3.50 to \$9.00 for flats. Mackerel \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Fresh Fish.—Cod and haddock, 3c to 3 1/2c.

LIVE STOCK.

There were about 550 head of butchers' cattle 40 calves and 1500 sheep and lambs offered at the East End Abattoir on Monday. The butchers were out in large numbers and trade was fair, with the prices of cattle the same as on last week's market, but sheep were rather lower and calves higher in price than on Thursday. There were but three prime beefs on this market to-day, two of which were bought by Louis Ploard at 4 1/2c per lb, and the other was sold at 4c. Pretty good cattle sold at from 3 1/2c to 4c per lb; half failed steers and fair conditioned dry cows sold at from 8c to 8 1/2c and the leaner beasts at from 2c to 2 1/2c per lb.

Nearly all the best calves were bought up before reaching this market and prices have ranged from \$3.50 to \$8 each and several of the butchers could not get the quality they required. Sheep were plentiful and sold at from 2 1/2c to 3c per lb; good lambs sold at from 4c per lb and common lambs at about 3c. McDuff Lamb bought 85 very fine ewe and wether lambs at 4 1/2c per lb. Some of these cost \$4.50 each. Fat hogs are higher in price, or from 6 1/2c to 8 1/2c per lb.

Stock Yards Report.

The Montreal Stock Yards Company, Point St. Charles, reports as follows: Export cattle quiet owing to very unsatisfactory cables received from the other side. Local opened with heavy receipts and a slow trade, but as week advanced receipts advanced and closed firm, everything cleared out at fair prices. Medium receipts of hogs closing 10c higher. Not much change in sheep and lambs. Good calves were in good demand.

We quote the following as being fair values: Cattle—Export.....40 to 4 1/2c
" Butchers' good.....3 1/2c to 4c
" " medium.....2 1/2c to 3c
" " culls.....2c to 3c
Lambs.....\$2.00 to \$3.00
Calves.....\$3.10 to \$3.00
Hogs.....\$6.50 to \$6.35

Montreal Horse Market.

The Montreal Horse Exchange, Point St. Charles, reports as follows: The horse trade at these stables during the week was better than that of last, and 7 horses were sold at fair prices. We have on hand for sale 30 very excellent horses, comprising heavy and medium draft, choice drivers, saddle, coaches and jumpers, with one car to arrive early in the week.

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