

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, April 1, 1884.

Chicago has stiffened somewhat this week probably because it had nothing else to do as business has been very dull. Prices are about 1 1/2 cent dearer than last week. Quotations are:—53 1/2 May, 57 1/2 June, and 58 1/2 July, 60 August. Corn is slightly stronger at 59 1/2 May, and 51 1/2 June. Liverpool is dull and steady. Spring wheat being quoted at 75 1/2 to 75 1/4 and Red Winter at 75 1/4 to 75 1/2. The local market is as dull as it can be prices being nominal. We quote as follows:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.17; Canada White, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Canada Spring, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Corn, 56c to 58c in bond; Peas, 90c to 91c; Barley, 55c to 70c; Rye 63c.

FLOUR.—The market is dull at same prices. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$3.40 to \$5.45; Extra Superfine, \$5.15 to \$5.20; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.10; 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, \$2.40 to \$2.50; do., Spring Extra, \$2.20 to \$2.25; do., Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$2.85 to \$2.95.

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

DAIRY PRODUCE.—New butter is bringing 23c to 25c. The following are the quotations for old:—Eastern Townships, 18c to 20c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 18c to 20c; Western, summer makes, 15c to 17c. Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is unchanged at 13 1/2c to 14c for fine to finest. The public cake is down to 68c, a drop of two shillings.

Eggs that are fresh are bringing from 16c to 16 1/2c.

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

STARCH AND SUGAR.—Maple Syrup is quoted at 80c to 90c, and Sugar at 10c to 11c.

ASHES are quiet at \$4.20 to \$4.30 for Pots.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The very bad state of the country roads along with the wet weather and holidays have led to a very slim attendance at the farmers' market, but the market gardeners keep their department well supplied, and, besides the vegetables of home growth, there are new potatoes, and onions from Bermuda; cabbages, cucumbers, strawberries and tomatoes from the Southern States. There has been a considerable decline in the prices of packed eggs this week, but the retail prices of beef and mutton are higher. The supply of loose hay is small, but pressed hay is abundant. Oats are \$1.05 to \$1.15 per bag; peas, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 60c to 75c per bag; Swedish turnips, 60c to 70c do.; dressed hogs are \$9.00 to \$9.50 per 100 lbs. Tub butter, 18c to 24c per lb.; eggs, 18c to 25c per dozen. Apples, \$3.00 to \$5.50 per barrel; Hay, \$5.50 to \$9.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, 1.02 1/2 May; \$1.04 1/2 June; \$1.05 1/2 July, \$1.06 August. Corn, 57 1/2 April; 58-1 1/2 May; 59c June 60 1/2 July; 61 1/2 August. Oats, 36 April, 36 1/2 May; 37 1/2 June. Peas, Canada field 90c to 95c; green peas, \$1.38 to \$1.40. Rye, Western, 69c, Canada 74c, Barley No. 2 State, 79c, Canada No. 1, 77c, in bond.

FLOUR.—Quotations are: Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.50 to \$2.80; Low Extra, \$3.05 to \$3.35; Clears, \$4.45 to \$5.00; Straight (full stock), \$4.90 to \$5.70; Patent, \$5.20 to \$6.65. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Low Extra, \$3.05 to \$3.65; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.70 to \$5.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.70 to \$5.60; Patent, \$5.15 to \$6.35; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.40 to \$5.65; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.60 to \$4.10; West India, sacks, \$3.75 to \$4.85; barrels, West India, \$4.55 to \$5.00; Patent, \$5.15 to

\$6.00; South America, \$4.90 to \$5.10; Patent, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.45 to \$5.15; Family, \$5.15 to \$6.30; Rye Flour,—Fine to superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.65.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Coarse, \$5.40 to \$6.00 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, \$1.20 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.

FED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$21.00 to \$22; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$19.00 to \$20.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$17. to \$18.; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed \$16.00 to \$17.00; 50 lbs or medium feed, \$16.00 to \$17.00; 40 lbs or No. 2 feed, \$16.00 to \$17.00; Rye feed at \$18.00 to \$19.00 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 nominal, \$1.55 to \$1.65; Calcutta linseed, \$1.90 to \$1.95.

BUTTER.—Good high grades sell readily, and holders are not anxious to keep back, shading to make sales. The quotations are:—Creamery, new, ordinary to fancy, 24c to 35c. State dairies, old, fair to fine, 16c to 22c; State firms, fair to best, 16c to 20c; State Welsh tubs, new, fair to choice, 20c to 28c; Western imitation creamery, new, 18c to 26c; Western dairy, old, ordinary to best, 10c to 13c; Western factory, new, ordinary to best made, 10c to 20c.

CHEESE.—A quiet market with small demand. We quote:—State factory skims to select, 7c to 15c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 3c to 5 1/2c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c to 10c.

BEEF.—We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Extra India mess \$21.00 to \$23.00; Packet, \$13.00 to \$13.50 in brls.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$26.00 to \$27.00 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—We quote—\$16.75 to \$17. or for old brands mess; \$17.50 to \$18.00, for new mess; \$16.00 for extra prime; \$18.50 to \$19.50 for clear back and \$18.60 to \$19.50 for family.

BACON.—A market much quieter but strong at 8.55c.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, pickled shoulders, 7 1/2c; pickled hams, 11 1/2c to 12c; smoked shoulders, 9 1/2c; smoked hams, 12c 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 8 1/2c. TALLOW.—Demand more active at 7 1/2 for prime city.

THEATRE-GOING.

A very serious matter concerns the amusements of professing Christians. I see it publicly stated by men who call themselves Christians that it would be advisable for Christians to frequent the theatre, that the character of the drama might be raised. The suggestion is about as sensible as if we were hidden to pour a bottle of lavender water into the great sewer to improve its aroma. If the Church is to imitate the world in order to raise its tone, things have strangely altered since the day when our Lord said, "Come ye out from among them, and touch not the unclean thing." Is heaven to descend to the infernal lake to raise its tone? Such has been the moral condition of the theatre for many a year that it has become too bad for mending, and even if it were mended it would corrupt again. Pass by it with averted gaze; the house of the strange woman is there. It has not been my lot ever to enter a theatre during the performance of a play, but I have seen enough when I have come home from distant journeys at night while riding past the play-houses, to make me pray that our sons and daughters may never go within the doors. It must be a strange school for virtue which attracts the irreligious and the debauchee. It is no place for a Christian, for it is best appreciated by the irreligious and worldly. If our church members fall into the habit of frequenting the theatre, we shall soon have them going there will lose all relish for the ways of God. Theatre-going, if it become general among professing Christians, will soon prove the death of piety.—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON IV. APRIL 27, 1884. [1 Cor. 8: 1-13 ABSTINENCE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.]

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 10-13.

- 1. Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.
2. And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.
3. But if any man love God, the same is known by him.
4. As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, as that there is none other God but one.
5. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many.)
6. But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.
7. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge; for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.
8. But meat commendeth us not to God; for neither, if we eat, are we the better, neither, if we abstain, are we the worse.
9. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling-block to them that are weak.
10. For if any man see thee which hath knowledge set at naught in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols?
11. And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?
12. But when ye sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
13. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

GOLDEN TEXT

"If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth.—1 Cor. 8: 13.

HOME READINGS.

- M. 1 Cor. 8: 1-13..... Abstinenec for the sake of others.
T. 1 Cor. 9: 16-27..... "To the Weak as Weak."
W. 1 Cor. 10: 14-33..... Lawful, but not Expedient.
Th. Rom. 14: 1-23..... "None Loveth to Hurt."
F. Rom. 15: 11..... "Christ pleased not Himself."
S. Gal. 6: 1-18..... Bear one Another's Burden.
S. Eph. 5: 1-21..... The Fruit of the Spirit.

LESSON PLAN.

1. Christian Liberty. 2. Christian Love. Time, 10-15 (spring). Place.—Written from Ephesus.

INTRODUCTORY.

The church at Corinth had asked Paul to give an answer to this question: "Is it right for Christians to partake of the meat that has been offered to idols?" When sacrifices were made to heathen gods, a part of the animal was given to the officiating priest, a part was consumed on the altar, and a part was the property of him who offered it. This part was either eaten by him at home, or was sold in the market in the same way as other meat. Whether it would be right to partake of such food was a question on which the Corinthian Christians were divided. The apostle replies to the arguments of those who considered it lawful, and lays down a rule to regulate their conduct in the use of such application, and of great importance for us.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 1. WE KNOW—the words of the Cor.inthians: "we know the true nature of idols and of idol-worship." To this Paul replies, KNOWLEDGE PUFFETH UP—makes vain and conceited. CHARITY—love. ELIFETHY—lives and acts for others, not for oneself. KNOWLEDGE OF HIM—approved of God as having the right kind of knowledge. V. 4. AN IDOL IS NOTHING—certainly not God; indeed, there are no such beings as the heathen gods. V. 6 TO US—"Christians. Whatever the heathen think, we know that there is but one God. THE FATHER—was the first person of the Trinity, but our Father. It expresses the relation of God to us his children, as the word is used in the LORD'S PRAYER. WE IN HIM—"unto him"—he is our end; we were created to love, honor and glorify him. USE LORDS—one administrator of the universe, the only Mediator between God and man.

II.—V. 7. THERE IS NOT IN EVERY MAN—all were not yet fully persuaded that the gods of the heathen had no existence. WITH CONSCIENCE OF THE IDOL—fearing that the heathen gods might be real beings. EAT IT AS A THING OFFERED—not as ordinary meat, as if something which has a religious character and influence. THE CONSCIENCE BEING WEAK—doubtful whether they were doing right or wrong. IS DEFILED—burdened with a sense of guilt. To do what we think is wrong is wrong for us. V. 8. BUT MEAT COMMENDETH US NOT TO GOD—this is the view of those who advocated the partaking of meat offered to idols. The mere fact of eating or abstaining cannot make a man better or worse. V. 9. BUT TAKE HEED—be the reply of Paul. Though what you say is true, still you are so apt to act as if you were brethren. V. 10. ANY MAN—weakly and wrongly conscientious. HAST KNOWLEDGE—fully informed in regard to the real nature of the idol. V. 12 SIN AGAINST THE BRETHREN—lead them into sin. YE SIN AGAINST CHRIST—because they are so closely united with him that to injure them is to injure him. Luke 9: 16. V. 13. MAKE MY BROTHER TO OFFEND—lead him into guilt. I WILL EAT NO FLESH—I can whom it may injure, and I will. This is a principle of wide application. We are to deny ourselves, even of the good which is lawful, if it is likely to lead others into sin. This is a strong reason for abstaining from intoxicating drinks.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That all our conduct should be regulated by love.
2. That we should not be confident of our own wisdom or knowledge.
3. That a correct Christian example has great influence.
4. That we should so live and act that it will be safe and right for others to follow our example.
5. That we should do nothing, even though lawful in itself, that may be the means of leading others into sin.

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