

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Sept. 10, 1883.

The local grain market is entirely unchanged. We quote:—Canada Red Winter Wheat, at \$1.20 to \$1.21; Canada White at \$1.15 to \$1.16; Canada Spring, \$1.11 No. 2, Chicago \$1.10; Corn, 62c per bushel; Peas, 97c; Oats, 35c to 73c; Rye, 60c to 70c.

FLOUR.—The flour market this week is stronger by 15c for Superiors, and fall 20c for Spring Extras, the former selling freely at \$5.60 and the latter at \$5.30. The feeling of the market is firm, and holders are by no means disposed to get rid of stocks which are small. We quote: Superior Extra, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Extra Superfine, \$5.35 to \$5.60, Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$5.25 to \$5.30; Superfine, \$4.75 to \$4.90; Strong Bakers, Canadian \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., American, \$6.50 to \$6.75; Fine \$4.25 to \$4.35; Middlings, \$3.80 to \$4.00; Pollards, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Ontario bags, (medium), \$2.60 to \$2.78; do. Spring Extra, \$2.50 to \$2.60; do., Superfine, \$2.25 to 2.35; City Bags, delivered, \$3 to \$3.45.

MEALS unchanged. Cornmeal, \$3.50 to \$3.70; Oatmeal, ordinary \$3.25 to \$3.50; granulated, \$5.75 to \$8.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter is still the quiet, uneventful market it has been for some time, with the slightest of tendencies toward stiffness. Shippers say that there must be the biggest kind of a tumble soon, as prices are far too high for actual shipment. We quote: Creamery, 19c to 20c; Eastern Townships, 16c to 18c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 15c to 17c; Western, 13c to 16c. Cheese is also unchanged at 10c to 10c to 10c.

EGGS are steady at 18c to 19c.

HOG PRODUCTS are in rather more demand. We quote:—Western \$15.50 to \$16; Hams, 14c to 15c; Bacon, 13c to 15c; Lard, in pails, 11c to 11c; Tallow, refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES.—Pots are dull at \$4.00 to \$4.70. **LIVE STOCK MARKET.**

Trade is tolerably lively for good animals. For the cattle offered for sale the prices realized averaged 4c to 5c per pound, though for some of extra good quality as high as 8c was paid. The sheep market has been quite lively, and most of them fetched good prices. As high as 8c has been paid for prime wethers while for lambs from \$3.25 to \$4 has been obtained.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The attendance at the markets still continues good, and the amount of produce of all kinds offered for sale large. Potatoes in the hands of farmers scarce, and sold rapidly at from 35c to 40c per bushel, 75c to 80c per bag was asked and got, when the supply ran short. Apples of all kinds from windfalls to really fine fruit are plentiful and the demand was good at all sorts of prices, 30c to 40c a basket being the price generally. Peaches were very plentiful and of fine quality, they are from 50c to 75c a box. Tomatoes are getting cheaper, but not improving in quality. They bring from 20c to 50c per bushel. Oats are unchanged and are held rather firmly at 95c. Potatoes, 67c to 80c per bag; tub butter, 14c to 20c per lb; prints, 20c to 30c do.; eggs, 19c to 20c per dozen; apples, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per barrel; lemons, \$7.00 per box; blueberries, 60c per box. Hay, \$5.50 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs; straw, \$4 to \$6 per 100 bundles of 12 lbs.

THE CONSUMPTION OF QUININE has fallen off greatly in late years in the Western States, which is accepted as proof of the disappearance of malarial fever accordingly as lands are drained and cultivated. It is always the same lesson in city and country: outlay upon drainage saves itself many times over in drugs and medical expenses that without it would be entailed, not to mention the addition it makes to the sum of human happiness in preventing sickness and death and in promoting the earth's fertility.

THE GERMAN SANITARY COMMISSION, after thorough examination, has decided that the epidemic in Egypt is nothing else than the Asiatic cholera.

THE WEEKLY MESSENGER.

AUTUMN PRIZE COMPETITION.

A FINE CHANCE

—To—

MAKE MONEY

—AND—

Help a Good Paper Along!

Not dismayed by the comparative failure of our August competition we offer our friends another opportunity to earn a good commission and win handsome prizes by working for this paper. Newspaper publishers must have their harvest times as well as farmers, and as the publishers of this paper have been sowing copies of it broadcast over this continent for twenty months past they now look to having the seed spring up and add many thousands to the subscription list. To this end laborers are required and none can possibly suit better than those who have been kept well-informed of the passing events of the world through its news columns, and benefited and entertained in various ways by its other departments—all at less cost than the readers of any other weekly newspaper. It is with confidence, therefore, that we repeat, with slight modifications, the offers made for our "August Competition," the result of which is doubtless a surprise to the prize-winners, as in a country of hard-working people money is rarely made with such facility.

OUR NEW OFFER!

The price of the *Messenger* is fifty cents a year, and will be given for the remainder of this year for ten cents. Anyone sending us **FIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS** for a year may send **TWO DOLLARS** and keep **FIFTY CENTS**, and anyone sending us **FIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS** for the remainder of this year may send us **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS** and keep **TWENTY-FIVE**.

SEND AS MANY AS YOU PLEASE.

keeping fifty cents for every five yearly and twenty-five cents for every five for the remainder of this year. This advice would seem to be necessary in some cases, as in last competition most of the competitors stopped short at the point when they earned the smallest commission—that for five subscriptions.

In addition to these commissions we will give the person sending us the largest

AMOUNT OF MONEY,

TEN DOLLARS; to the second, **FIVE DOLLARS**; to the third, **THREE DOLLARS**; to the fourth, **TWO DOLLARS**, and to the fifth, **ONE DOLLAR**.

Still further, to every one who sends us **TWO DOLLARS** we shall send a pre-

sent of the pair of those much-admired pictures, which have always given so much satisfaction to their recipients, "The Roll Call" and "Quatre Bras," or, if preferred, the celebrated picture by Doré, "Christ Leaving the Praetorium," the original of which was declared by the Rev. Theodore Cuyler to be the greatest painting of modern times.

BEAR IN MIND!

Those sending the largest amounts secure the prizes even if what is sent in each case be less than the amount of the prize.

Everyone who secures five subscriptions earns a commission.

Everyone who sends two dollars is entitled to the pair of fine pictures mentioned above.

The competition will end on the last of October.

REASONS AND HINTS!

For a paper of the price of this one a very large circulation is necessary to insure the enterprise being a profitable one. There is no doubt it would obtain a paying patronage in the course of time, without any special efforts such as these prize competitions, as its subscription list has hitherto been built up altogether by people taking it upon sight for its many good qualities. A list of over seven thousand, obtained simply by sending copies of the paper at a venture to people, and by the kind aid of readers in asking their friends to subscribe, is an achievement that is not common in journalism and justifies us in the hope of great results from our friends all over the Continent entering a competition for prizes in working for the *Messenger*.

In addition to the material inducements offered them, those who enter the lists of our workers have the assurance that they are doing noble service in displacing ignorance with intelligence and bad reading with good.

DIRECTIONS.

Date your letters carefully, plainly writing names of post-office, county and State or Province.

Head each letter you write, "For Autumn Competition." Do not detain subscriptions, but send in all you have obtained, with the money, less your commission, at the end of each week's canvassing, and in every letter after the first one mention how many names and how much money you sent before.

The last letters sent in the competition must be mailed not later than the 31st of October.

Send money only by post-office order or registered letter, the former preferred, and address.

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REVIEW.

LESSON XIV.

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[Josh. 1:1—1 Sam. 3:19.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you."—Josh. 23: 14.

Singing.

Supt.—What did the Lord say to Joshua?

School.—"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to thee." 1: 2.

Supt.—What encouraging promise did the Lord give Joshua?

School.—"As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." 1: 5.

Supt.—What command was given to the priests who bore the ark?

School.—"When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan." 3: 5.

Supt.—What did the Israelites do?

School.—"All the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan." 3: 17.

Supt.—What feast did the Israelites keep after crossing Jordan?

School.—"The children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho." 5: 10.

Supt.—What took place after Joshua had marched round Jericho for seven days, as the Lord commanded?

School.—"The wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city." 6: 20.

Supt.—What was the reason of the defeat of the Israelites at Ai?

School.—"There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel, thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you." 7: 15.

Supt.—How was Achan punished?

School.—"All Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones." 7: 25.

Singing.

Supt.—What did Joshua do when he had placed the tribes of Mount Ebal and Gertizim?

School.—"He read all the words of the law, the blessings and curses, according to all that is written in the book of the law." 8: 34.

Supt.—For what purpose were the cities of refuge appointed?

School.—"That whosoever killed any person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stood before the congregation." 20: 9.

Supt.—What choice did Joshua propose to the people?

School.—"If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve." 24: 15.

Supt.—What was the response of the people?

School.—"The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey." 24: 24.

Supt.—What did the Israelites do after the death of Joshua and the men of that generation?

School.—"They forsook the Lord, and served Baal, Judg. 2: 13.

Supt.—How were they punished?

School.—"The anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers." Judg. 2: 14.

Singing.

Supt.—What did the Lord promise Gideon?

School.—"By the three hundred men that lapped with I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand." Judg. 7: 7.

Supt.—How did Sampson die?

School.—"He took hold on the two middle pillars, and he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon all the people that were therein." Judg. 16: 29, 30.

Singing.

Supt.—What was Ruth's beautiful reply to Naomi?

School.—"Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1: 16.

Supt.—What did Hannah say to Eli about Samuel?

School.—"For this child I prayed: and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to the Lord." 1 Sam. 1: 27, 28.

Supt.—What did Samuel say when the Lord called him?

School.—"Speak; for thy servant heareth." 1 Sam. 3: 10.

Supt.—What did Eli say when he heard the Lord's message?

School.—"It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good." 1 Sam. 3: 13.

Singing.

Review drill on Titles, Topics, Golden Texts, etc.

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