

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, March 26, 1884.

The Chicago wheat market is about 5 cents a bushel weaker. The following are the quotations—85 1/2 April, 90 1/2 May and 92 1/2 June, 92 1/2 July. Corn is lower at 50 1/2 April, and 53 1/2 June. Liverpool is quiet and lower, Spring wheat being quoted at 7s 9d to 7s 11d and Red Winter 8s to 8s 5d. The local market is lower and values are nominal. We quote as follows:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.20 to \$1.22; Canada White, \$1.16 to \$1.18; Canada Spring, \$1.18 to \$1.20; Corn, 75c in bond; Peas, 90; Barley, 55c to 75c; Rye 62c.

FLOUR.—The market is more active with unchanged sales. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$5.50 to \$5.55; Extra Superfine, \$5.35 to \$5.40; Fancy, \$5.00; Spring Extra, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.20 to \$4.25; Strong Bakers', Can., \$5.25 to \$5.20; do., American, \$5.45 to \$5.55; Fine, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Middlings, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Pollards, \$3.25 to \$3.30; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, \$2.50 to \$2.60; do., Spring Extra, \$2.25 to \$2.35; do., Superfine, \$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. Butter:—We quote:—Eastern Townships, 19c to 21c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 18c to 21c; Western, summer makes, 16c to 18c. 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 23c to 24c.

HOUSING PRODUCTS.—Are very dull. We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Canada Short Cut, \$21.50 to \$22.00; Ham, city cured, 13c to 14c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, Western, 12c to 13c; do., Canadian, 12c to 12c; Tallow refined 7c to 9c as to quality. Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs., \$8.75 to \$9.25.

ASHES show very little life at \$1.25 to \$4.30 for Pots.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Supplies of beef cattle are considerably larger this week and the quality is better than usual. The prices of fair to good cattle are lower, but owing to the small number of leanish stock offered, there is no change to note in prices of inferior animals. Choice cattle sell at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 per lb. and pretty good steers and fat cows at about 5c to 5 1/2; while the rough and leaner animals sell at from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c. Sheep are in good demand at from \$5 to \$9 each, or 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 per lb. Spring lambs sell at from \$3.50 to \$6.00 each. Live hogs are declining in value and prices are from 6 1/2 to 7c per lb.

FARMERS' MARKET.

During the past week there has been a large amount of produce brought to the city by farmers, which met with an active demand at good prices. Potatoes, owing to the large quantities offered, have declined considerably of late, but all other roots are scarce and dear. The prices of apples are rather lower, as holders are anxious to reduce their stocks before warm weather. Dressed hogs and beef quarters are not being offered to any amount, but prices are easier. Large quantities of eggs are being brought to market by the farmers, which meet with ready sale at fair rates, as packed eggs have been rather scarce. The supply of butter is larger and prices easier. Considerable quantities of maple sugar and syrup are coming to market and prices are declining. Hay continues plentiful and prices low. Oats are 95c to \$1.05 per bag; peas, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 40c to 70c 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 23c per lb.; eggs, 21c to 25c per dozen. Apples, \$3.00 to \$5.50 per barrel; Hay, \$4.00 to \$7.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs.

NEW YORK, March 24, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, \$1.16 1/2 April; \$1.18 1/2 May; \$1.19 1/2 June. Corn, 60 1/2c April; 61 1/2c May; 62 1/2c June. Oats, 38 1/2c March; 38 1/2c April; 38 1/2c June. Peas, Canada field 90c to 95c; green peas; \$1.38 to \$1.40. Rye, Western, 76c. Barley No 2 State 61c. Canada No 1, 90c.

FLOUR.—Quotations are: Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.50 to \$2.85; Low Extra, \$3.15 to \$3.40; Clears \$4.50 to \$5.20; Straight, (full stock), \$5.15 to \$5.90; Patent, \$5.30 to \$6.75. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.25; Low Extra, \$3.15 to \$3.75; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.20 to \$5.55; 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), \$4.15 to \$4.25; West India, sacks, \$4.15 to \$5.00; barrels, West India, \$5.25; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.20; South America, \$5.15 to \$5.40; Patent, \$5.40 to \$6.10. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.65 to \$3.85; Family, \$5.40 to \$6.65; Rye Flour,—Fine to superfine \$2.65 to \$3.60.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Coarse, \$5.50 to \$6.25 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Western Yellow, \$3.00 to \$3.20; Bag meal, Coarse City \$1.15 to \$1.20; Fine white, \$1.30; Fine yellow, \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$2.85 to \$4.00; Hominy, \$3.30 to \$3.90 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$22.00 to \$23; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$21.00 to \$22.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$20.10 to \$21.00; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$19.00; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$18 to \$19; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$18 to \$19. Rye feed at \$19.00 to \$20 per ton.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, 9 1/2c to 10 1/2c for ordinary to extra choice; timothy, retail parcels \$1.60 to \$1.70; round lots \$1.55 to \$1.65; domestic flaxseed \$1.55 to \$1.65; Calcutta linseed, \$1.95 to \$2.00.

BUTTER.—The raid of the state legislature on bogus butter is expected to effect favorably the demand for table butter, that is butter. At present the demand is very good and new state dairy is supplanting creamery to some extent. The quotations are:—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 25c to 30c. State dairies, fair to fine, 22c to 25c. State fakes, fair to best, 16c to 31c; State Welsh tins, fair to choice, 25c to 31c; Western imitation creamery, 22c to 25c; Western dairy, ordinary to best, 12c 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 8c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c to 11c.

BEEF.—We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.00 to \$13.00; Extra India mess \$24.00 to \$26.00; Packet, \$13.50 to \$14.00 in brls.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$27.25 to \$27.75 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

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

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

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

LARD.—Prices are about steady. City lard bringing 9.3 1/2c. Western 9.6c.

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

TALLOW.—Demand more active at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c for prime city.

A TRAPEZE PERFORMER named Lelaine was killed while doing a feat with his head downward in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The rope on one side broke and he fell twenty-five feet, causing instant death. He was a Canadian.

SAMUEL McDANIEL ploughed a jug containing \$9,500 in gold on his ancestral estate at Island Shoals, Georgia. It was buried by his grandfather during the Florida war.

LAUGHING GAS.

THE MAN WHO "wouldn't wonder" must be the laziest man in the world.

"No," said the generous man, "I haven't got a horse now. I found it cost more to keep him than he was worth, so I gave him to my brother as a Christmas present.

"SIB-B-I, CHILD. Young people should be silent when other people are talking." "Then when shall young people talk, mamma? Old people are never silent."

MR. D.—"Oh, yes! I was a table boarder there before I was married." Mrs. D.—"What does 'table board' mean?" Mr. D.—"Well, at her house, it means board that is pretty much all table."

"INDEED, Sue's new hat is no great shakes, although she thinks all the world of it," remarked Amy to the high-school girl. "No great shakes!" responded the high-school girl, "why don't you say 'vibrations of no magnitude?'"

A RURAL FRIEND wants to know what is the best thing to feed hogs on. He might feed them on the ground, or, if he wishes, in a trough. We never did approve of fixing up mahogany tables with marble tops for hogs.

AS THEY were trudging along to school, a five-year old Boston miss said to her companion, a lad of six summers: "Were you ever frightened at the contiguity of a rodent?" "Nay, forthwith," he replied; "I fear not the juxtaposition of the creature, but dislike its alarming tendency to an intimate propinquity."

CONFIDENCE IN HIS ABILITY.—A young attorney of this city had as a client a lady who resides on L street and who was possessed of considerable real estate. A few days since she called at the office of her attorney and informed him that she desired to secure the service of Judge Dennison to assist in certain litigation. The young attorney objected; said she could hire the services of Judge Dennison as advisory counsel, but he would not give up the management of the case. "However," he remarked, "if you do not think I have ability enough to prosecute the case, I will step to one side and you can employ Judge Dennison." "La me," she replied, "I have every confidence in your ability, I was only afraid you did not know enough."

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SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON I. April 6, 1884. (Acts 18:23-28; 19:1-17) PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY. COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 24-26.

23. And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

24. And a certain Jew named Apollus born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught abundantly the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue; whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace.

28. For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

CH. 19:1. And it came to pass, that while Aquila was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and found certain disciples,

2. He said unto them have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which

should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus.

5. When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7. And all the men were about twelve.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them."—Acts 19:6.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 18:24-19:8. Paul's Third Missionary Journey. T. Matt. 3:1-12. John's Baptism. W. Acts 2:1-21. The Baptism of the Spirit.

Th. John 1:35-51. Faith in Jesus Christ. F. Gal. 3:25-29. Baptized into Christ. S. Eph. 3:14-21. Growth in Grace and Knowledge.

S. Eph. 6:1-24. Strong in the Lord. LESSON PLAN.

1. Apollus of Alexandria. 2. John's Disciples. Time.—A. B. 54-55. Place.—Ephesus.

INTRODUCTORY.

When Paul left Corinth, he went to Ephesus, thence to Caesarea, and then to Jerusalem. Thence he passed to Antioch in Syria, thus completing his second missionary journey, about the year 54. After spending some time at Antioch, he began his third missionary journey, first passing through Galatia and Phrygia (ch. 18:23). This is all the record we have of his progress until he reached Ephesus.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 23. HE DEPARTED—finished his third missionary journey. STRENGTHENING ALL THE DISCIPLES—in the churches founded during his first and second tours. V. 24. APOLLUS—a Jew, fervent in spirit, eloquent, convinced that the Messiah had come, yet imperfectly acquainted with his mission until taught by Aquila and Priscilla; afterward a successful preacher of Christ at Corinth. 1 Cor. 3:4. ALEXANDRIA—a celebrated city in Egypt, near the mouth of the Nile, then the second city of the Roman empire and the leading seaport of the Mediterranean. Many of its inhabitants were Jews. ELOQUENT—Revised Version "learned." The original word has both meanings. V. 25. FEW—earnest, zealous. KNOWING ONLY THE BAPTISM OF JOHN—with only that knowledge of Jesus which he had gained from the ministry of John. V. 26. AQUILA and PRISCILLA—whom Paul had left at Ephesus (v. 19). THE WAY OF GOD—the gospel. V. 27. TO PASS INTO ACHAEA—doubtless to Corinth, as the most important place in the province (v. 1). V. 28. CONVINCED—"convinced." His great knowledge of the Scriptures gave him fitness for this work.

II.—V. 1. UPPER COASTS—"upper coasts" Galatia, Phrygia, and Lycia. Ephesus—a city of Asia Minor, forty miles south of Smyrna, in Greece. Testament times the centre of a vast trade and the seat of wealth, culture and luxury; especially noted for its temple of Diana. CERTAIN DISCIPLES—of the same class with Apollus, only partially acquainted with Christ (v. 13). V. 2. HAVE YE—Revised Version "did ye receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed?" HE SAID NOT HEARD—they had not even heard the Holy Ghost mentioned. V. 3. UNTO WHAT—"unto what?" UNTO JOHN'S BAPTISM—into the religion he taught—repentance and a faith in a coming Messiah. V. 4. PAUL SAID—the substance of this reply is "John indeed preached repentance and a Saviour to come, but the Messiah whom he foretold has appeared in Jesus, and you are now to believe on him." V. 5. BAPTIZED IN THE NAME—into the name; rebaptized with Christian baptism. V. 7. THE HOLY GHOST CAME UPON THEM—as on the disciples on the day of Pentecost, with miraculous gifts.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That private Christians in lowly stations may do much for Christ.
2. That men of learning may often go to school to humble Christians.
3. That many Christians live below the privileges of the Christian life.
4. That we should earnestly seek the presence and help of the Holy Spirit.
5. That God's special blessings follow the faithful observance of his ordinances.

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