COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6, 1884.

Chicago wheat is about half a cent a bushel better and is quoted at 92¼c Feb., 93 March, 94½ April, 95¼ May and 100 June. Corn is somewhat better at 53¼ Feb., 53¾ March, 53¾ May and 59¼ June. Liverpool is unchanged and steady in tone. Spring wheat quoted at 8s to 8s 4d and Red Winter 8s to 8s 9d. The local market is unchanged and values are nominal. We quote as follows:—Canada Red Winter, $1.22 to $1.23; Canada White, $1.10 to $1.15; Canada Spring, $1.18 to $1.20; Corn, 63½c in bond; Peas, 90; Oats, 35c; Barley, 55c to 65c; Rye 62c.

FLOUR.—The Carnival occupies about all the attention of the members of the exchange, and curling is talked about more than prices. We quote:—Superior Extra, $5.55 to $5.60; Extra Superfine, $5.40 to $5.45; Fancy, nom.; Spring Extra, $4.90 to $5.05; Superfine, $4.50 to $4.70, Strong Bakers', Can., $5.25 to $5.50; do., American, $5.45 to $5.85; Fine, $3.60 to $3.75; Middlings, $3.40 to $3.50; Pollards, $3.25 to $3.50; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, $2.50 to $2.60; do., Spring Extra, $2.25 to $2.25; do., Superfine, $3.15 to $3.25; City Bags, delivered, $2.95 to $3.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, $3.20 to $3.40; Oatmeal, ordinary, $5.00 to $5.25; granulated, $5.20 to $5.50.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter is without change. We quote:—Eastern Townships, 19½c to 21½c, Morrisburg and Brockville, 18c to 21c; Western, summer makes, 13c to 15c. Autumn makes, 17c to 18c. Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is also quiet. Earlier makes, 10c to 12c as to quality; fall makes, 13c to 13½c.

EGGS.—Fresh are not to be found and 35c is paid for limed.

HOG PRODUCTS are quiet, but prices remain firm in sympathy with the rise in Chicago. — We quote : — Western Mess Pork, $19. to $19.50; Canada Short Cut, $20.00 to $14; Hams, city cured, 13c. to 15c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, Western, 12c to 12½c; do., Canadian, 11c to 11½c; Tallow refined 7c to 9½c as to quality. Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs., $8 to $8.25 as to quality.

POULTRY AND GAME are rather scarce. Turkeys, 12c to 14c; ducks, 10c to 12c; geese, 8c to 10; chickens, 8c to 10c; venison, by the carcase, 4c to 5c; do., by the saddle, 6½c to 8c.

ASHES show very little life at $4. to $4.34 for Pots.

FARMERS' MARKET.

With improved roads and more favorable weather the farmers are better able to bring their produce to market and the supply has been larger of late than for three or four weeks past, but the demand is so brisk that prices are pretty well maintained. Oats and potatoes are slightly lower in price, but beans and onions have been advancing of late. Eggs are very scarce and prices have been advancing at an extraordinary rate, but should milder weather set in this egg boom would burst, as it is believed that there are more eggs in the city than is generally supposed. The supply of fresh fish is larger and prices are lower; hay also is plentiful and cheap. Dressed poultry continue scarce and high priced; dressed hogs are also rather scarce and prices are advancing. Oats are 95c to $1.00 per bag; peas, $1.00 to $1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 70c to 80c per bag; Swedish turnips, 50c to 60c do; dressed hogs are $8.50 to $8.75 per 100 lbs; turkeys, 12c to 18c per lb; geese, 10c to 12c do; fowls, 10c to 16c do; ducks, 12c to 18c do. Tub butter, 18c to 24c per lb; eggs, 35c to 60c per dozen. Apples, $3.00 to $6.00 per barrel; hay, $5.00 to $8.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There is no change to note in the cattle markets. The supply keeps about equal to demand and prices are without material change, though rather firmer. There were no extra cattle offered this week and the best butchers' cattle sold at from 4½c to 5c per lb. Fair conditioned steers and oxen sold at about 4½c per lb. and dry cows at 4c to 4½c do. The supply of mutton critters is rather small and the quality not good. Prices range from $3.00 to $6.50 each. Live hogs bring from 6c to 6½c and dressed hogs 8¼c to 8½c per lb.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, No. 2 Red, $1.06⅛c Feb.; $1.08¾ March; $1.11½ April; $1.13 May. Corn, 61½c Feb.; 65½c May. Oats, 39½c Feb.; 42½c May. Peas, Canada field 90c to 95c; green peas; $1.38 to $1.40. Rye, Western, 71c; State 74c. Barley not quoted

FLOUR.—Quotations are: Spring Wheat Superfine, $2.50 to $2.90; Low Extra, $3.25 to $3.35; Clears $4.35 to $5.10; Straight, (full stock), $5.10 to $6.25; Patent, $5.60 to $6.90. Winter Wheat, Superfine, $2.75 to $3.35; Low Extra, $3.25 to $3.50; Clears (R. and A.), $4.15 to $5.65; Straight (R. and A.), $4.85 to $6.00; Patent, $4.85 to $6.00; Straight (White Wheat) $4.40 to $5.75; Low Extra (City Mill), $4.15 to $4.20; West India, sacks, $4.10 to $4.95; barrels, West India, $5.25 to $5.30; Patent, $5.25 to $6.00; South America, $5.25 to $5.75; Patent, $5.25 to $6.25. Southern Flour—Extra $3.70 to $4.50; Family, $4.85 to $6.25; Rye Flour,—Fine to superfine $2.65 to $3.70. Buckwheat Flour, $2.75 to $3.10

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, $5.00 to $5.25; Coarse, $5.50 to $5.75 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, $3.40 to $3.45; Western Yellow, $3.00 to $3.20; Bag meal, Coarse City $1.18 to $1.20; Fine white, $1.40; Fine yellow, $1.50 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, $3.00 to $4.25; Hominy, $3.25 to $3.90 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at $21 to $230 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at $20 to $21 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at $18 to $19; 6; lbs. or No. 1 feed $18 to 18.50; 50 lbs or medium feed, $18.00 to $18.50; 40 lbs or No. 2 feed, $18.00 to $18.50. Rye feed, at 18.00 to 19.00 per ton.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, prime, nominal at 10 to 10¼c, choice, 10¼c to 10½c; fancy, 10½ to 10¾ timothy, retail parcels $1.55 to $1.65; round lots nominal; domestic flaxseed, $1.55 to $1.65; Calcutta linseed, $1.85 to $1.95.

BUTTER. — A monotonous market We quote : — Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 20c to 39c. State dairies, fair to fine, 22c to 28c; State firkins, fair to best, 18c to 28c; State Welsh tubs, fair to choice, 18c to 28c; Western imitation creamery, 18c to 27c; Western dairy, ordinary to best, 14c to 22c; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 9c to 21c. Rolls, 12c to 21c.

CHEESE.—The market is strong in both in prices and tone. We quote as follows: —State factory skims to select, 7c to 14½c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 3½c to 8¾c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c to 12½c.

BEEF. — We quote : — Extra mess, $12.50 to $13.00; Extra India mess $24.00 to $27.00; Plate, $13.00 to $13.50 in brls.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at $24.00 to $24.50 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—We quote:—$14.50 to $15.00 for old brands mess; $14.00 to $14.25 for extra prime, $15.00 for prime mess, $17.50 to $18.00 to $19.00 for clear back and $16.25 to $17.00 for family.

BACON.—A somewhat quiet market, purchasers buying for home market at 8½c for short clear.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, 7½c; to 7¾c; pickled shoulders, 7c; pickled hams, 10¾c to 11½c; smoked shoulders, 6½c smoked hams, 12¼c to 12¾c.

LARD.—Prices are higher. City lard bringing 9c. Western 9.30c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is at 9½c to 9¾c for choice city. Oleomargarine, weak at 8¾c.

TALLOW.—Demand more active at 7⅜c to 7 1-16c for prime city.

"DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE."

BY MRS. M. F. MARTIN.

The oft-repeated recommendation, for a certain rat-exterminator.

And it is a recommendation, is it not? It is desirable to rid the house of the troublesome little creatures, but it becomes a question whether the remedy is not worse than the disease when, poisoned, they crawl into their holes in the wall and dying leave their carcases far out of reach, but where they pollute the whole atmosphere of the house.

Yes, yes, "don't die in the house" is a wonderful recommendation. Gladly will we feed poison to our troublesome nightly visitants, if only we can be assured that they will betake themselves to some out-of-the-way corner, and die where their mouldering remains will tell no tales of rat-exterminators.

It has occurred to me that the recommendation so attractive to housekeepers might be an appropriate motto for a certain class of liquor-stores.

A notice is in the window, "No liquor sold by the glass here;" only another version of "Don't die in the house;" but it lends a wonderful air of gentility to the place.

No fear now that the poor besotted drunkard will leave the door in a condition that might cause others to shun the place; no fear that the poor despairing creature, having spent his last dime at this counter, shall end his wasted life in the cold waters of yonder flowing river. No, no, there is respectability here; there is refinement here.

The carriage of King Midas rolls to the door, and the envied millionnaire leaves his orders for replenishing his liquor vaults. "No liquor sold by the glass here!" They "don't die in the house," here! Stand at the door as long as you may, and your eye and ear will never be shocked by the exhibition of the work of those casks and barrels.

True, King Midas and his court may lie besotted on luxurious couches; they may trample under foot the happiness of wives who hide their broken hearts under costly silks and seal-skin sacques. But you would never trace the wrecked happiness back to that respectable liquor-store where "no liquor is sold by the glass!" No, poison is not sold by the glass;" no, they "don't die in the house" here!

"Not sold by the glass!" No, poison is not sold by the glass here, but by the bottle and the barrel; death, misery and degradation are not sold by the glass here, but by the bottle and the barrel; curses, debauchery and insanity are not sold by the glass here, but by the bottle and the barrel; children are not dragged to degradation by the glass here, but by the bottle and the barrel!

The business here is not retail but wholesale, but it still holds forth this recommendation, "They don't die in the house."

No, they don't die in the house; and the long line of casualties, poverty, misery, cruelty, murder, suicide, and the rest of the long innumerable train, shall never, in this life, be traced back to that store where liquor was dealt out by wholesale not retail; but up above, when the dead, small and great, shall stand before the great white throne to be judged for the deeds done in the body, shall not the long array of murdered souls proclaim the full work of him who hid it while here on earth under the thin veil of wholesale poisoning as more respectable than retail?

No, they "don't die in the house,' but somewhere the poor victims of the wholesale liquor dealers are gradually but surely drawing near to drunkards' graves, and somewhere in the great future shall bear witness against their murderers.—*National Temperance Advocate.*

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON VII.

Feb. 17, 1884.] [Acts 16: 25-40.

THE CONVERSION OF THE JAILER.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 29-34.

25. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And sudden'y there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas.

30. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house he set meat before them, and rejoiced believing in God with all his house.

35. And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.

36. And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go; now therefore depart, and go in peace.

37. But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans,

39. And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city.

40. And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16: 31.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 16: 25-40.....Paul and Silas Delivered.
T. Dan. 3: 8-30.....The Three Hebrews delivered.
W. Dan. 6: 1-28.....Daniel Delivered.
Th. Acts 12: 1-19.....Peter Delivered.
F. Tit. 3: 1-15.....Not by Works of Righteousness.
S. Rom. 3 19-31.....Justified by Grace.
S. John 3; 14-21, 36.....Faith and Eternal Life.

LESSON PLAN.

1 The Peace of the Believers. 2. The Terror of the Sinner. 3. The Way of Salvation. 4. The Deliverance of the Prisoners.

Time.—A.D. 51. Place.—Philippi.

INTRODUCTORY.

This lesson continues the narrative begun in the last. It tells us how Paul and Silas were comforted, and even made to rejoice, in that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ, and how in the prison new converts were added to the number of believers.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 25. SANG PRAISES—with their feet fast in the stocks and their lacerated backs smarting from their stripes. Job 35; 10. HEARD THEM—Revised Version, "were listening to them;" wide awake and in wonder at what they heard. V. 26. A GREAT EARTHQUAKE—by divine power and in answer to their prayers. DOORS WERE OPENED—by the same power.

II.—V. 27. WOULD HAVE KILLED HIMSELF—fearing the disgrace of punishment by death on account of the escape of the prisoners. (See ch. 12: 19, and compare ch 27: 42.) V. 28. DO THYSELF NO HARM—the message of the gospel to every sinner. V. 30. WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED—not from the earthquake, nor from the punishment of which he was now in no danger, but from the sin and the death of the soul. (See ver. 17.)

III.—V. 31. BELIEVE—the gospel answer to every penitent inquirer. Believe on Christ; not about Christ, but trust in him, resting on him as your Saviour. V. 32. SPAKE UNTO HIM—explained to him—WASHED THEIR STRIPES—caring tenderly for their bleeding wounds, which he had never thought of before. WAS BAPTIZED—with water from the same well or fountain within the prison enclosure. V. 34. INTO HIS HOUSE—the apartments of the prison occupied by his family. REJOICED, BELIEVING—his faith brought joy. Rom. 5: 11. WITH ALL HIS HOUSE—the second household in Philippi consecrated by faith in Christ.

IV.—V. 35. THE MAGISTRATES—they knew they had acted hastily and illegally, and wanted quietly to get rid of the prisoners. SERJEANTS—literally, "rod-bearers," lictors, constables. V. 36. THE KEEPER TOLD THIS—glad to have such orders to execute. V. 37. PAUL SAID UNTO THEM—to the serjeants who had entered the prison with the jailer. UNCONDEMNED—unconvicted on trial. BEING ROMANS—see ch 22: 23. Both the scourging and the imprisonment were illegal. (See 1 Thess. 2: 2.) NOW DO THEY THRUST US OUT PRIVILY—mark the difference between the public insult and the private way in which the magistrates ordered them off. LET THEM COME THEMSELVES—thus openly declaring their innocence. V. 38. THEY FEARED—they were liable to be called to account for what they had done. THEY CAME—in person. AND BESOUGHT THEM—not to complain of them. BROUGHT THEM OUT—conducted them from the prison. ENTERED INTO THE HOUSE OF LYDIA—as if to show that they had not been made to leave. This assembly of believers in the house of Lydia was the first church founded in Europe. DEPARTED—Timothy and Luke seem to have remained at Philippi.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

1. That fidelity and faith often bring joy and thanksgiving even amid stripes and imprisonment.

2. That God overrules the designs of evil men, and makes their wrath to praise him.

3. That the all-important question for every one is, "What must I do to be saved?"

4. That faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation.

5. That saving faith produces joy and shows itself in good works,

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