

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 23, 1884.

The Chicago wheat market closes a little stronger than last week but it has fluctuated rather badly during the week. February is quoted at 91½; March 83½; May 84½. Corn is worth 54½ February, 54½ March. Liver-pool wheat about a penny lower. 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, 63½ in bond; Peas, 90; Oats, 35c; Barley, 55c to 60c; Rye 32c.

FLOUR—The market is still very quiet and dull, and values which are unchanged are almost nominal. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$5.55 to \$5.60; Extra Superfine, \$5.40 to \$5.45; Fancy, nom.; Spring Extra, \$4.90 to \$5.10; 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, \$3.00 to \$3.25; granulated, \$3.20 to \$3.50.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Butter is very quiet again with no demand other than for the home trade. We quote:—Eastern Townships, 15c to 21c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 15c to 21c; Western, summer makes, 15c 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—A firm quiet market with no large calls. Earlier makes, 10c to 12c as to quality; fall makes, 12½c to 13½c. The cable is at 69s.

EGGS—A firm market at from 30c to 31c or fresh, and 26c to 27c for limed.

HOC PRODUCTS are quiet, but prices remain firm in sympathy with the rise in Chicago. — We quote: — Western Mess Pork, \$17.50 to \$18.; Canada Short Cut, \$18.50 to \$19.; Hams, city cured, 13c to 15c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pallets, Western, 12c to 12½c; do., Canadian, 11c to 11½c; Tallow refined 7c to 9c as to quality. Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs., 88 to 88.25 as to quality.

POULTRY AND GAME are in limit a supply at the following prices: — Turkeys, 11c to 12½c; ducks, 10c to 12c; geese, and chickens, 7c to 10c; venison, by the carcase, 4c to 5c; do., by the saddle, 7c to 8c.

ASHES show very little life at \$4.50 to \$4.60 for Pots.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Most of the country roads continue almost impassable for loaded teams and only those farmers in the immediate vicinity of the city or convenient to some of the leading roads, are able to bring produce to the city markets. Traders have nearly a monopoly of the trade in most kinds of produce and prices have been very high, but this week there is a decline in the prices of hay, oats and potatoes, while the price of cabbage has advanced owing to the prospective demand for shipment to American markets, and good cabbages now sell at \$2 per barrel. Dead poultry continue scarce and high priced, but beef quarters and dressed hogs are declining somewhat from the recent high figures. There has been a much larger supply of hay this week, and prices are declining. Oats are 95c to \$1.05 per bag; peas, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 60c to 80c per bag; Swedish turnips, 60c to 60c; do.; dressed hogs are \$8.00 to \$8.50 per 100 lbs; turkeys, 12c to 15c per lb; geese, 10c to 12c; do.; fowls, 10c to 14c; do.; ducks, 12c to 16c; do. Tub butter, 18c to 24c per lb; eggs, 25c to 60c per dozen. Apples, \$3.00 to \$6.00 per barrel; hay, \$6.00 to \$8.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle has been pretty large for over a week and prices of good animals have declined fully half a cent per lb; only a few choice animals are now sold at over 5c per lb, while very good steers and heifers can be got at from 4½c to 5c; do; good fat cows and rough steers sell at from 4c to 4½c, and common dry

cows and bulls at 3½c to 4c do. There have been larger offerings of sheep, of late, but the quality is not good, and small lots of sheep and lambs are sold at from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per head. Live hogs are scarce this week and are quoted at about 6c per lb. Dressed hogs are plentiful and prices are lower, or about 8c per lb.

New York, Jan 22, 1884.

GRAIN—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat, No. 2 Red, \$1.02 Jan., \$1.03½ Feb.; \$1.05½ March; \$1.05½ April; \$1.10½ May. Corn, 60½c; Jan., 61c Feb.; 64½c May. Oats, 39½c Jan.; 39½c Feb.; 42c May. Peas, Canada field 90c to 95c; green peas; \$1.38 to \$1.40. Rye, Western, 71c; State 76c. Barley not quoted.

FLOUR—Quotations are: Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.05; Low Extra, \$3.25 to \$3.40; Clears \$4.40 to \$5.00; Straight, (full stock), \$5.00 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.85 to \$6.75; Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.60 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 \$5.35; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.60; 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, \$5.20 to \$5.25; Patent, \$5.20 to \$6.10; South America, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Patent, \$5.20 to \$6.25. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.50 to \$5.00; Family, \$5.35 to \$6.25; Rye Flour, —Fine to superfine \$2.65 to \$3.65. Buckwheat Flour, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

MEALS—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Coarse, \$5.50 to \$6.50 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.

SEEDS—Clover seed, prime, nominal at 10½c. choice, 10½c; fancy, 10½c; timothy, retail parcels \$1.55 to \$1.65; round lots nominal; domestic flaxseed, \$1.40 to \$1.45; Calcutta linseed, \$1.90 to \$1.95.

FEED—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$20 to \$22; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$18 to \$19 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$17; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, at \$16.00 to \$16.50; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$16.00 to \$16.50; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$16.00 to \$16.50. Rye feed, at \$17.00 to 18.00 per ton.

BUTTER—The market is somewhat quieter and more normal in tone than it was last week. State dairy is in the most demand and all choice lots speedily disposed of. We quote: — Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 20c to 41c. State dairies, fair to fine, 22c to 28c; State firkins, fair to best, 18c to 21c; State Welsh tubs, fair to choice, 18c to 28c; Western imitation creamery, 15c to 26c; Western dairy, ordinary to best, 15c to 23c; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 9c to 20c. Rolls, 12c to 21c.

CHEESE—Shipments have been somewhat smaller owing to various causes but the demand has not fallen off. Prices are somewhat firmer, and holders still continue to be sanguine. We quote: — State factory skims to select, 5½c to 13½c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 4½c to 7½c; Ohio flats ordinary, 5c to 12½c.

BEEF—Prices are quite firm, with a moderate movement. We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.50 to \$13.; Extra India mess \$24.00 to \$25.00; Plate, \$13.00 to \$13.50 in brls.

BEEF HAMS—Sellers were firm at 82.50 to \$24.00 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK—The market is firm and retail. We quote:—\$14.50 to \$15.00 for ordinary brands, mess \$13.75 for extra prime, \$15 \$15.00 for prime mess, \$17.50 to \$18.00 for clear back and \$18.00 to \$18.50 for family.

BACON—Fair export demand this week, some lots being offered at prices below packers, who want 7½c for short clear half and half.

CUTMEATS—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, 7½c; to 7½c; pickled shoulders, 7c; pickled hams, 10½c to 11½c; smoked shoulders, 6½c smoked hams, 12½c to 12½c.

LARD—Prices are about the same. City lard bringing 8.75c. Western 9.92½c.

STEARINE—Lard stearine is firm at 94c to 94½c for choice city. Oleomargarine, weak at 8½c.

TALLOW—Demand more active at 7½c to 7 1-16c for prime city.

LAUGHING GAS.

"LL JOIN UP presently," as the minister said to the young couple, as he went for the church key.

An *ESQUIRE* having asked: "What is the liquor question in Ohio?" the *Courier-Journal* answers: "What will you take?"

"WHEN A MAN gets a stitch in his side while at church he is apt to lose the thread of the discourse."—*New York Morning Journal*.

THE PASTOR of a church is reported to have prayed, the other Sunday, for the absent members who were 'prostrate on beds of sickness and chairs of wellness.'

"NOW, GIRLS," said a Sunday-school teacher, "can you tell me what 'circular' means?" "Circular!" hisped a little seven-year-old: "with a fur lined cloak!"

JOB being rather remiss in his Sunday-school lessons, the teacher remarked that he hadn't a very good memory. "No marm," said he hesitatingly, "but I have got a first-rate forgettery."

"WHY DON'T you get up as early as you used to a few days ago?" angrily asked a wife of a lazy husband. "Because, my dear, its sleep year," he grinned as he turned over for another snooze.

TEACHER: "Define the word 'excavate.'" SCHOLAR: "It means to hollow out." Teacher: "Construct a sentence in which the word is properly used." Scholar: "The baby excavates when it gets hurt."

UNCLE: "Now what would you say if I gave you a shilling apiece?" Master Jack: "I'd rather you give mine to sis, uncle, and tell her to buy me a shilling cannon, as pa said the first money I got should go for the window I broke."

A MAN getting into his train in great haste complained of having a bad stitch in his side. "How did you get it?" asked a fellow passenger. "I rather think," was the reply, "that I got it by being hemmed in a crowd a little way down the street."

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LESSON V.

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PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 9, 10.

35. Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36. And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

39. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark and sailed unto Cyprus;

40. And Paul chose Silas, and departed being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

Ch. 16: 1. Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2. Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3. Him would Paul have to go forth with him, and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4. And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were

ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6. Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7. After they came to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Come over into Macedonia, and help us."—Acts 16: 9.

HOME READINGS.

M. Matt. 10: 1-30. The Apostles Sent to the Jews.

T. Acts 8: 26-40. Philip Sent to the Ethiopians.

W. Acts 10: 9-27. Peter Sent to Cornelius.

Th. Acts 15: 35-16: 10. Paul Sent to Macedonia.

F. 2 Tim. 1: 17: 2: 14-17. Timothy in Childhood.

S. 1 Cor. 9: 19-27. Under the Jews as a Jew.

S. Gal 6: 1-18. Neither Circumcision nor Uterine Emcision.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Separation from Barnabas. 2. The Choosing of Timothy. 3. The Call to Macedonia.

Time—A. D. 51. Places—From Antioch to Troas.

INTRODUCTION.

Paul and Barnabas determined to revisit the churches they had formed during their first missionary journey. Differing about the completion they should take with them, they separated. The sacred record follows only the work of Paul. Our lesson traces his course from Antioch to Troas, and tells us how he was called to go over into Macedonia and preach the gospel there. Observe how the Lord opened new fields before him when Paul's plan was merely to revisit the regions where they had already planted the gospel.

NOTES.

I.—V. 35. CONTINUED IN ANTIOCH—where they had labored together both before and after their missionary journey. V. 36. WHERE WE HAVE PREACHED—see ch. 13: 14. V. 37. DETERMINED—was minded; "influenced" perhaps by his relationship to him. V. 38. WEST NOT WITH THEM—shrinking from the toils and dangers of the work. V. 39. THEY SEPARATED ASUNDER—neither would yield, so they separated. Both were probably in fault. Paul was perhaps too severe, and Barnabas too lenient. The most eminent saints are not without their failings. UNTO CYPRUS—his native country. Acts 13: 7. V. 40. SILAS—who had been sent to Antioch from the conference at Jerusalem. V. 41. SYRIA AND CILICIA—the regions which Timothy and Tarsus were the capitals. Thus two distinct missionary expeditions were undertaken.

II.—Ch. 16: 1. DERBE AND LYSTRA—towns in the eastern part of the coast about twenty miles apart. (See ch. 14: 25, 26, 27. WAS TIMOTHY—Lystra was probably Timothy's birthplace, and he must have been converted during Paul's first visit to that place. A JEWESS—see 2 Tim. 1: 5; 3: 15. A GREEK—a heathen, not a proselyte, or his son would have been circumcised. V. 2. WELL REPORTED OF—held in high esteem. V. 3. WOULD HAVE DETERMINED TO HAVE, BECAUSE OF THE JEWS—out of regard to their opinions. V. 4. DETERMINED—decisions of the council at Jerusalem. Acts 15: 25-29.

III.—V. 8. ESTABLISHED—strengthened. (See Eph. 4: 14.) THE PATRIARCH—the name of the gospel. V. 8. PHRYGIA—a large central district of Asia Minor. GALATIA—a province east of Phrygia. FORBIDDEN OF THE HOLY GHOST—divine guide of all missionary work. ASIA—as used in the New Testament a Roman province embracing the western part of the peninsula of Asia Minor, and having Ephesus for its capital. V. 7. MYSLA—a district in the north-west corner of Asia Minor. ASSAYED—attempted. BITHYNIA—a province of Asia Minor, south of the Bosphorus and the Sea of Marmora. THE SPIRIT—Revised Version, "the Spirit of Jesus." V. 8. THROAS—properly Alexandria Troas—a seaport on the coast of Mysia, about four miles from the site of ancient Troy. (See 2 Cor. 2: 12.) V. 9. A VISION—not a dream, but a supernatural appearance. MACEDONIA—a country of Europe, north of Greece. COME OVER—the distance from Troas across the Aegean Sea to Macedonia was about one hundred miles. HELP US—with the gospel. Such a voice still calls on the Church to send the gospel to the heathen. Who will respond to it and go? V. 10. WE—Luke, who wrote the book of Acts, was now with the apostle, having joined the party probably at Troas.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

1. That even the best of men are not without failings.
2. That careful home-training in childhood and youth lays the foundation for a life of godliness and usefulness.
3. That God sometimes shuts out his servants from one place because he has work for them to do in another.
4. That we shall never miss our work if we allow ourselves to be led of God.
5. That heathen lands are now calling to Christians, "Come over and help us."

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