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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1938.
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in October increased approximately 6 per cent as compared with the October make of 1937 and decreased 23 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of October 23.4 million pounds of butter were produced and during the ten months ending October the output reached a total of 241.3 million pounds. The increase in the October make occurred in all provinces except Manitoba.

CHEESE PRODUCTION increased nearly one per cent in October as compared with October, 1937, and decreased 20 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The October make was approximately 14.6 million pounds and the total during the period January to October amounted to 111.3 million pounds. The increase in the October make occurred in all provinces except Ontario.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of September registered a decrease of approximately 2 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 13 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During September 9.4 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 4.0 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products. During the nine months January to September 101.2 million pounds of the former and 31.5 million pounds of the latter were produced in condensaries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 13.4 million pounds for September and 132.7 million pounds for the nine months ending September.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, averaged 22 7/8 cents a pound, compared with 28 1/8 cents in October, 1937. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 14 3/8 cents in October compared with 14 1/2 cents in October, 1937.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of October represented the equivalent of 711 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 30 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 77 per cent and cheese represented 23 per cent of the total.

EXPORTS OF BUTTER in October amounted to 1,247,200 pounds as compared with 1,571,200 pounds last month and 1,724,600 pounds in October, 1937.

EXPORTS OF CHEESE in October reached a total of 12,165,300 pounds as against 13,992,900 pounds last month and 15,628,800 pounds in October a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter for September amounted to 25.2 million pounds, representing increases of 6.2 per cent over the same month last year and over that of the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks of 65.1 million pounds at October 1, and exports and imports amounting to 2,061,200 pounds and 1,258 pounds respectively. The former includes an adjustment of 490 thousand pounds to place the official export figures on a strictly calendar month basis.

I - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, OCTOBER, 1937 AND 1938.

Province	SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	1937	1938x	More (+) Less (-) %	1937	1938/	More (+) Less (-) %
	lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%
CANADA	29,092,478	30,252,520	(+) 4.0	22,144,824	23,376,615	(+) 5.6
Prince Edward Island	231,485	289,258	(+)25.0	155,740	194,995	(+)25.2
Nova Scotia	525,621	681,238	(+)29.6	437,781	586,987	(+)34.1
New Brunswick	407,246	547,035	(+)34.3	273,230	400,780	(+)46.7
Quebec	10,530,822	10,825,831	(+) 2.8	8,452,330	8,517,861	(+) 0.8
Ontario	8,095,883	9,112,544	(+)12.6	6,450,800	7,104,954	(+)10.1
Manitoba	2,871,946	2,781,127	(-) 3.2	1,964,586	1,712,323	(-)12.8
Saskatchewan	2,915,043	2,493,471	(-)14.5	1,684,998	1,904,470	(+)13.0
Alberta	3,077,964	3,077,944	(-) 0.01	2,292,147	2,505,312	(+) 9.3
British Columbia	436,468	444,072	(+) 1.7	433,212	448,933	(+) 3.6

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II - PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, OCTOBER, 1937 AND 1938.

Province	SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	1937	1938x	More (+) Less (-) %	1937	1938/	More (+) Less (-) %
	lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%
CANADA	19,846,550	18,318,431	(-) 7.7	14,513,355	14,613,822	(+) 0.7
Prince Edward Island	71,909	89,633	(+)24.6	40,962	72,281	(+)76.5
New Brunswick	81,192	82,974	(+) 2.2	54,699	63,662	(+)16.4
Quebec	4,784,824	4,790,713	(+) 0.1	3,127,277	3,727,990	(+)19.2
Ontario	14,267,652	12,635,986	(-)11.4	10,799,566	10,124,619	(-) 6.3
Manitoba	358,924	360,151	(+) 0.3	262,473	291,224	(+)11.0
Saskatchewan	52,802	60,681	(+)14.9	25,159	36,500	(+)45.1
Alberta	219,207	255,261	(+)16.4	182,089	244,314	(+)34.2
British Columbia	10,040	43,032	(+)328.6	21,130	53,232	(+)151.9

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III - CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER AND FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO OCTOBER, 1937 AND 1938.

Province	JANUARY TO OCTOBER					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1937	1938	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938	More (+) Less (-)
lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%	
CANADA	223,299,862	241,261,709	(+) 8.0	122,927,357	111,293,360	(-) 9.5
Prince Edward Island	1,924,347	2,137,307	(+)11.1	455,986	423,461	(-) 7.1
Nova Scotia	5,158,084	5,922,836	(+)14.8	---	---	---
New Brunswick	3,405,672	4,235,800	(+)24.4	597,162	527,319	(-)11.7
Quebec	67,578,203	72,209,326	(+) 6.9	29,153,816	25,834,593	(-)11.4
Ontario	72,271,096	78,189,204	(+) 8.2	87,899,863	78,585,573	(-)10.6
Manitoba	22,436,149	23,635,559	(+) 5.3	2,669,393	2,953,516	(+)10.6
Saskatchewan	22,386,815	21,974,547	(-) 1.8	338,300	394,196	(+)16.5
Alberta	23,602,594	28,219,871	(+)19.6	1,608,307	2,073,719	(+)28.9
British Columbia	4,536,902	4,737,259	(+) 4.4	204,530	500,983	(+)144.9

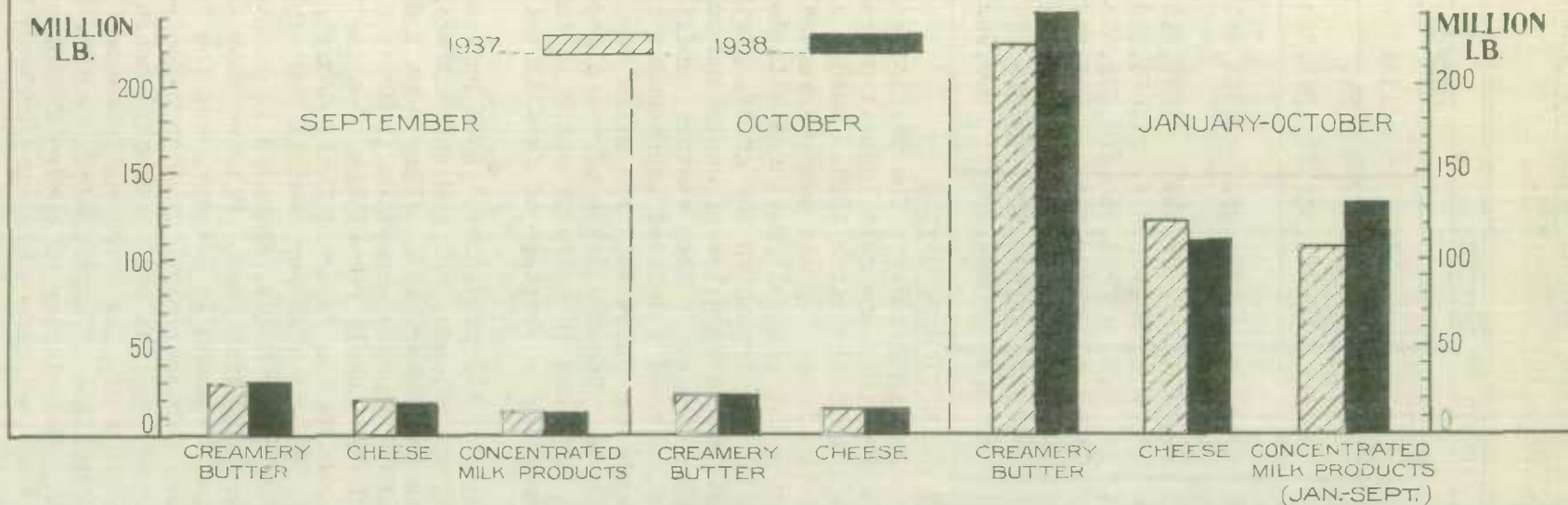
REVIEW OF THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

Mild weather and light rainfall prevailed in October. The precipitation ranged from 4.4 inches at Truro, Nova Scotia, to less than one half inch at Ottawa. The latter figure was the lowest recorded for that month since 1924. Meadow aftermath provided excellent forage in the Maritime provinces. Roots were harvested in good condition and yielded well. Pastures in the two central provinces withstood the dry weather during October but a lack of rain is now drying up the grass, particularly in Southern and Western Ontario. Farmers have ample supplies of roots and corn; silos are well filled, and the ensilage is of good quality. Open weather conditions and the abundance of after harvest forage has produced a decided improvement on the Prairies as compared with a year ago. Weeds are plentiful, and stink weed has dis-flavoured the milk and cream in some sections. The abundance of cheap fodder in Alberta is considered a safeguard against declines in dairy products in that province. Pastures in British Columbia are rather poor and a shortage of feed is causing concern.

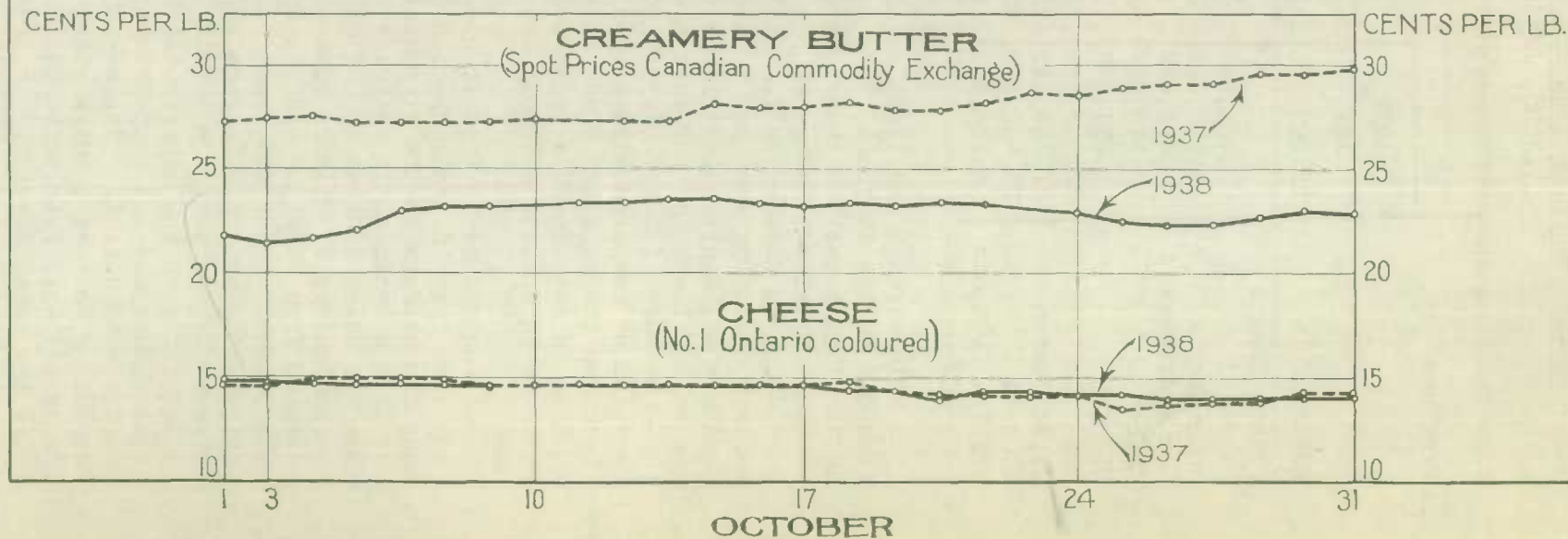
Livestock is in fair to good condition in all provinces. A 23 per cent decline from last year in the inspected slaughterings of cows, and reduced marketings of both cows and heifers in the nine months ending September, 1938 offers some indication of possible extensions in dairying enterprises. The one exception is British Columbia where the sales of cows to United States' buyers would reveal the opposite tendency. The percentage of milking cows to total cows on the farms of Dairy Correspondents advanced from 79.8 per cent in September, 1937 to 80.3 per cent in September, 1938. Milk production per cow, based on all cows in the herds, amounted to 15 pounds as against 14 pounds in the same month of the preceding year. Mild weather accounted largely for the increase in milk production recorded in October, and the "come back" in Saskatchewan and Alberta after the usual harvest season decline exceeded expectations. Snow and low temperatures in prairie regions will probably change the situation considerably. The November production of milk promises to exceed that of November a year ago, but a sharp seasonal decline is anticipated. Butter-fat prices averaged from about 14 to 18 cents. The closing of cheese factories will cause the usual diversion to creameries, but the price advantages offered to cheese factory patrons, together with the favourable weather still prevailing in Eastern Canada may extend the operating period in some areas.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND JANUARY-OCTOBER, 1937 AND 1938



DAILY PRICES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE AT MONTREAL DURING OCTOBER, 1937 AND 1938



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