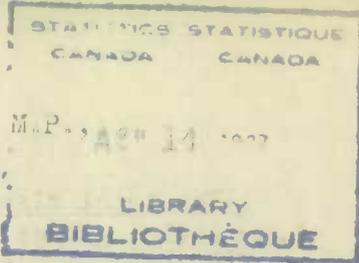


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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, APRIL, 1938.
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in April increased approximately 7 per cent as compared with the April make of 1937 and increased 62 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of April 16.3 million pounds of butter were produced and during the four months ending April the output reached a total of 42 million pounds. The increase in the April make occurred in all provinces, except Quebec and Saskatchewan.

CHEESE PRODUCTION declined 26 per cent in April as compared with April, 1937, and increased 161 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The April make was approximately 1,787 thousand pounds and the total during the period January to April amounted to 4 million pounds. There was no cheese produced in the Maritime Provinces in April; of the remaining provinces, all contributed to the decrease except Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of March registered an increase of approximately 37 per cent over the same month last year and an increase of 51 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During March 9.8 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 2.2 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products. During the three months January to March 23.1 million pounds of the former and 5.6 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 12 million pounds for March and 28.7 million pounds for the three months ending March.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade products, averaged 30 3/4 cents a pound, compared with 26 1/8 cents in April, 1937. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations, averaged 15 1/2 cents in April compared with 13 3/4 cents in April, 1937.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of April represented the equivalent of 401.9 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 18 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 95.0 per cent and cheese represented 5.0 per cent of the total.

The total disappearance of Canadian made butter in April, 1938, amounted to 16.3 million pounds, an increase of 550 thousand pounds as compared with last month, and a decrease of 2.4 million pounds as compared with the same month last year. This disappearance estimate is based on storage and transit stocks combined amounting to 4.7 million pounds on April 1, and 4.71 million pounds on May 1. In addition to these holdings 408,500 pounds of imported butter was reported in storage on May 1, as compared with 1,630,000 on April 1, 1938. Stocks in bond on May 1 amounted to 57,000 pounds. Exports in April, 1938, reached a total of 23,200 pounds as compared with 25,700 pounds last month and 36,400 pounds in April, 1937.

The total disappearance of Canadian cheddar cheese in April, 1938, amounted to 5.5 million pounds, an increase of 2.1 million pounds as compared with last month. Making stock adjustments to place the figures on a comparative basis with last year (20,188,184 pounds at April 1 and 16,607,571 pounds at May 1) an increase of 936 thousand pounds is recorded as compared with the disappearance in April, 1937. April exports reached a total of 1.2 million pounds as compared with 858 thousand pounds last month and 670 thousand pounds in April, 1937.

I - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, APRIL, 1937 and 1938.

Province	MARCH			APRIL		
	1937	1938 x	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938 /	More (+) Less (-)
	lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%
CANADA	9,683,033	10,089,759	(+) 4.2	15,256,072	16,313,035	(+) 6.9
Prince Edward Island	65,404	73,423	(+) 12.3	71,613	85,400	(+) 19.3
Nova Scotia	333,604	384,917	(+) 15.4	380,022	425,754	(+) 12.0
New Brunswick	104,543	124,870	(+) 19.4	170,440	210,550	(+) 23.5
Quebec	1,071,622	1,026,616	(-) 4.2	4,300,195	4,011,543	(-) 6.7
Ontario	4,815,624	4,812,853	(-) 0.06	6,492,187	6,767,326	(+) 4.2
Manitoba	1,014,008	1,225,470	(+) 20.9	1,221,504	1,526,723	(+) 25.0
Saskatchewan	930,910	729,860	(-) 21.6	1,119,950	334,037	(-) 16.6
Alberta	984,223	1,360,543	(+) 38.2	1,102,732	1,902,900	(+) 72.6
British Columbia	363,095	351,227	(-) 3.3	397,429	448,802	(+) 12.9

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

Province	MARCH			APRIL		
	1937	1938 x	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938 /	More (+) Less (-)
	lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%
CANADA	1,162,934	685,562	(-) 41.1	2,408,362	1,787,162	(-) 25.8
Quebec	91,580	61,394	(-) 33.0	212,960	1,154,119	(-) 27.6
Ontario	802,605	300,788	(-) 62.5	1,922,530	1,248,292	(-) 35.1
Manitoba	163,300	176,184	(+) 7.9	178,026	219,465	(+) 23.3
Saskatchewan	1,133	1,901	(+) 66.9	2,532	4,214	(+) 66.4
Alberta	78,338	96,452	(+) 23.1	78,031	107,372	(+) 37.6
British Columbia	25,972	48,843	(+) 88.1	14,223	53,700	(+) 277.6

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

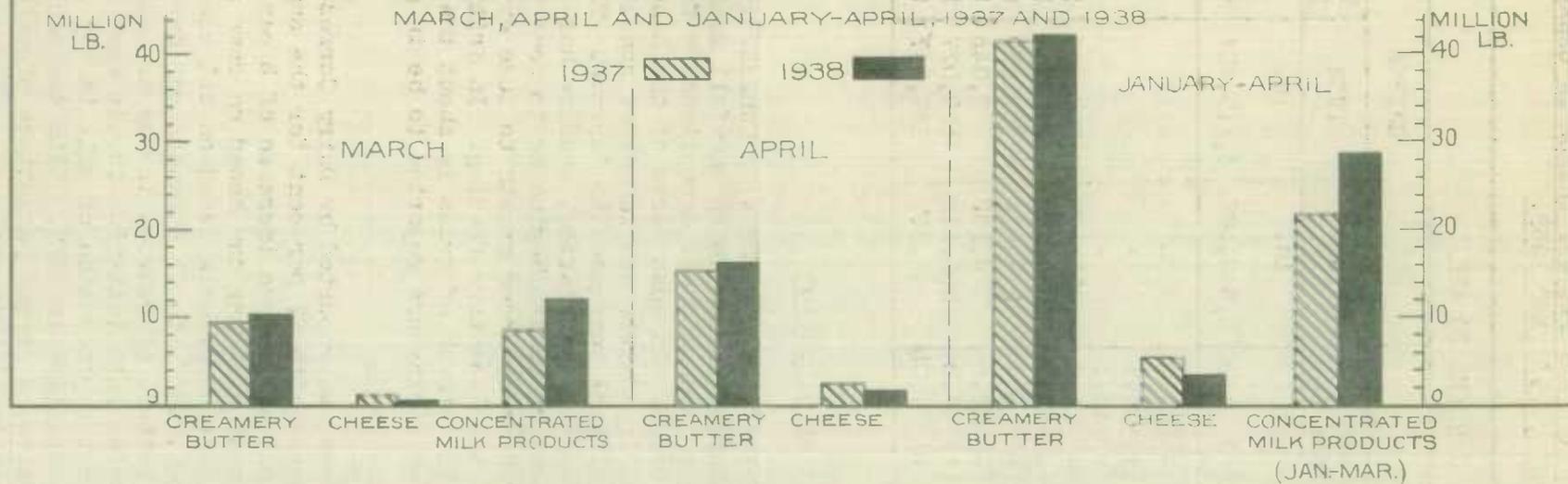
Province	JANUARY TO APRIL					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1937	1938	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938	More (+) Less (-)
lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%	
CANADA	41,487,707	42,296,438	(+) 1.9	5,340,587	3,719,407	(-) 30.4
Prince Edward Island	273,892	303,725	(+) 10.9	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1,334,666	1,522,203	(+) 14.1	-	-	-
New Brunswick	415,379	495,386	(+) 19.3	-	-	-
Quebec	6,953,787	6,555,424	(-) 5.7	505,137	397,413	(-) 21.3
Ontario	19,526,731	19,189,620	(-) 1.7	3,919,971	2,152,386	(-) 45.1
Manitoba	3,956,327	4,604,725	(+) 16.4	526,914	607,439	(+) 15.3
Saskatchewan	3,666,246	2,767,416	(-) 24.5	6,166	7,845	(+) 27.2
Alberta	3,938,835	5,435,396	(+) 38.0	292,532	388,077	(+) 32.7
British Columbia	1,421,844	1,422,543	(+) .05	89,867	166,247	(+) 85.0

Review of the Production Situation

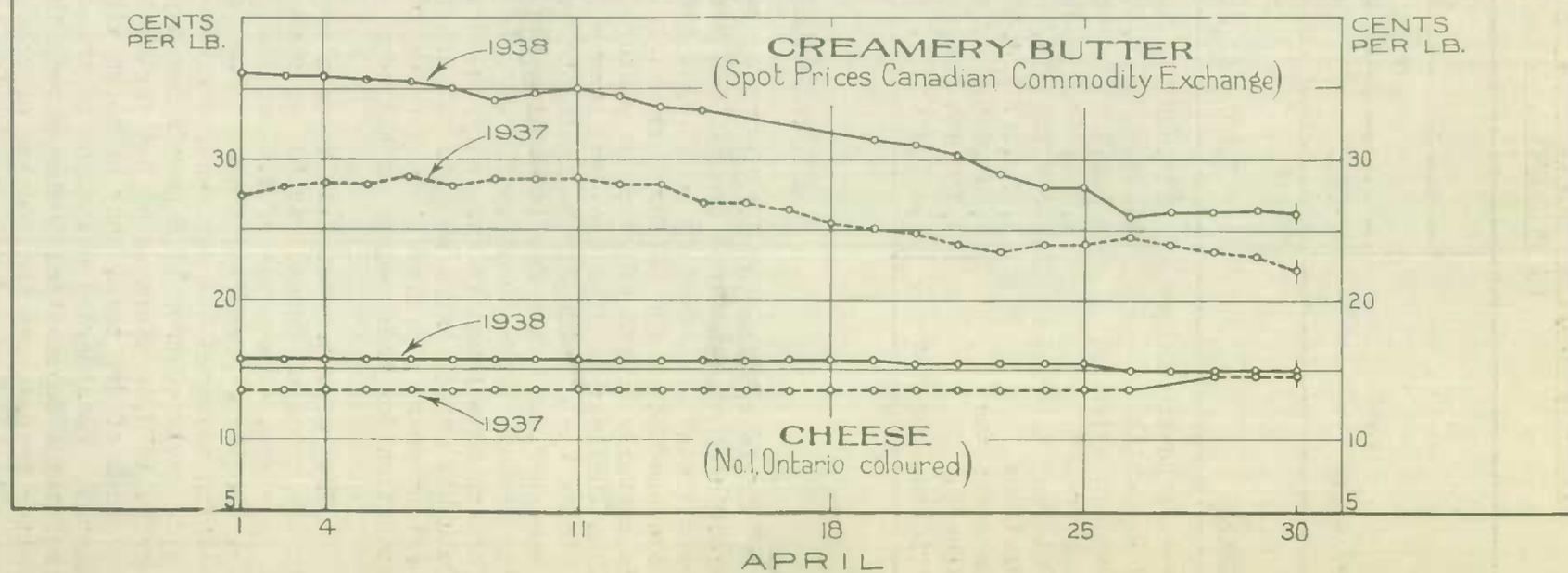
Ample supplies of moisture have been reported from all parts of Canada. In the Prairie Provinces where drought was prevalent last year, the heavy snowfall during the past winter, followed by beneficial spring rains have produced exceptionally favourable conditions for pastures and early seeded crops. In most parts of the East there is a sturdy growth of grass on pasture lands, dairy cattle are in better condition than they were a year ago, and production has already commenced to improve. Throughout the West fields are beginning to take on a green colouration, seeding has commenced, and in a few localities the early sown crops are beginning to come through the ground. Occasional spells of cold weather have retarded growth to some extent and farmers have found it necessary to do a little supplementary feeding. In British Columbia conditions are quite satisfactory. The growth of grass is about the same as last year, and live stock grazing in the open fields are reported to be in good condition for this season of the year.

The percentage of milking cows to total cows, as reported by Dairy Correspondents in the month of March, was 64 per cent as compared with 67 per cent for the same month a year ago, a decrease of 4.5 per cent as against an average increase of 3 per cent for the three preceding months. The production of milk per cow based on cows actually milking advanced 2.3 per cent, whereas the production of milk based on all cows in the herds declined from 11.8 pounds per day in March, 1937, to 11.4 pounds per day in March, 1938, a decrease of 3.4 per cent. The latter, of course, is due to heavy holdings of dry cows, many of which will be coming into lactation in the next two months. Considering all facts of the situation the production of milk in May should register a substantial increase over the May production in 1937. With the decline in butter prices, and the opening of cheese factories, a larger percentage of milk will probably be diverted from creameries into the whole milk channel.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS



DAILY PRICES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE AT MONTREAL DURING APRIL - 1937 AND 1938



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