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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MAY, 1938.
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in May increased approximately 18 per cent as compared with the May make of 1937 and increased 77 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of May 29.1 million pounds of butter were produced and during the five months ending May the output reached a total of 71.5 million pounds. The increase in the May make occurred in all provinces.

CHEESE PRODUCTION declined less than one-half of one per cent in May as compared May, 1937, and increased 9.8 million pounds as compared with the output for the preceding month. The May make was approximately 11.5 million pounds and the total during the period January to May amounted to 15.1 million pounds. All provinces except Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia contributed to the decrease recorded herein.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of April registered an increase of approximately 34 per cent over the same month last year and an increase of 28 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During April, 12.2 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 3.1 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products. During the four months January to April 35.3 million pounds of the former and 8.8 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 15.3 million pounds for April and 44.1 million pounds for the four months ending April.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade products, averaged 26 3/4 cents a pound, compared with 22 7/8 cents in May, 1937. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations, averaged 15 cents in May compared with 14 3/8 cents in May, 1937.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of May represented the equivalent of 809.6 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 101 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 84.1 per cent and cheese represented 15.9 per cent of the total.

The total disappearance of Canadian made butter in May, 1938, amounted to 20.5 million pounds, an increase of 4.1 million pounds as compared with last month, and a decrease of 460 thousand 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 May 1, and 13.3 million pounds on June 1. In addition to these holdings 215,000 pounds of imported butter was reported in storage on June 1, as compared with 408,500 pounds on May 1, 1938. Stocks in bond on June 1 amounted to 57,000 pounds. Exports in May, 1938, reached a total of 66,300 pounds as compared with 23,200 pounds last month and 42,600 pounds in May, 1937.

The total disappearance of Canadian cheddar cheese in May, 1938, amounted to 6.8 million pounds, an increase of 1.5 million pounds as compared with last month. Making stock adjustments to place the figures on a comparative basis with last year (16,726,022 pounds at May 1 and 21,220,468 at June 1) an increase of 1.3 million pounds is recorded as compared with the disappearance in May, 1937. May exports reached a total of 3.7 million pounds as compared with 1.6 million pounds last month and 2.4 million pounds in May, 1937.

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

Province	APRIL			MAY		
	1937	1938x	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938/	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	15,256,072	16,397,918	(+) 7.5	24,756,556	29,095,028	(+) 17.5
Prince Edward Island	71,613	90,149	(+) 25.9	125,327	157,700	(+) 25.8
Nova Scotia	380,022	425,005	(+) 11.8	509,583	560,357	(+) 10.0
New Brunswick	170,440	210,785	(+) 23.7	319,687	366,396	(+) 14.6
Quebec	4,300,195	4,122,423	(-) 4.1	8,155,417	9,300,000	(+) 14.0
Ontario	6,492,187	6,701,138	(+) 3.2	8,418,092	10,002,793	(+) 18.8
Manitoba	1,221,504	1,565,374	(+) 28.2	2,344,474	2,801,340	(+) 19.5
Saskatchewan	1,119,950	935,079	(-) 16.5	2,107,254	2,151,290	(+) 2.1
Alberta	1,102,732	1,902,773	(+) 72.6	2,144,854	3,058,027	(+) 42.6
British Columbia	397,429	445,189	(+) 12.0	631,868	697,122	(+) 10.3

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

Province	APRIL			MAY		
	1937	1938x	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938/	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	2,408,362	1,721,077	(-) 28.5	11,509,686	11,471,559	(-) 0.3
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	210	70	(-) 66.7
New Brunswick	-	-	-	55,350	48,789	(-) 11.9
Quebec	212,960	127,746	(-) 40.0	1,922,554	1,700,000	(-) 11.6
Ontario	1,922,590	1,195,851	(-) 37.8	9,080,555	9,105,982	(+) 0.3
Manitoba	178,026	232,194	(+) 30.4	254,917	338,596	(+) 32.8
Saskatchewan	2,532	4,214	(+) 66.4	28,370	15,400	(-) 45.7
Alberta	78,031	107,372	(+) 37.6	142,722	197,722	(+) 38.5
British Columbia	14,223	53,700	(+) 277.6	25,008	65,000	(+) 159.9

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

Province	JANUARY TO MAY					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1937	1938	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938	More (+) Less (-)
Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%	
CANADA	66,244,263	71,476,349	(+) 7.9	16,850,273	15,124,881	(-) 10.2
Prince Edward Island	399,219	466,174	(+) 16.8	210	70	(-) 66.7
Nova Scotia	1,844,249	2,081,811	(+) 12.9	-	-	-
New Brunswick	735,066	862,017	(+) 17.3	55,350	48,789	(-) 11.9
Quebec	15,109,204	15,966,304	(+) 5.7	2,427,691	2,071,040	(-) 14.7
Ontario	27,944,823	29,126,228	(+) 4.2	13,000,526	11,205,927	(-) 13.8
Manitoba	6,300,801	7,444,716	(+) 18.2	781,831	958,764	(+) 22.6
Saskatchewan	5,773,500	4,919,748	(-) 14.8	34,536	23,245	(-) 32.7
Alberta	6,083,683	8,493,299	(+) 39.6	435,254	585,799	(+) 34.6
British Columbia	2,053,712	2,116,052	(+) 3.0	114,875	231,247	(+) 101.3

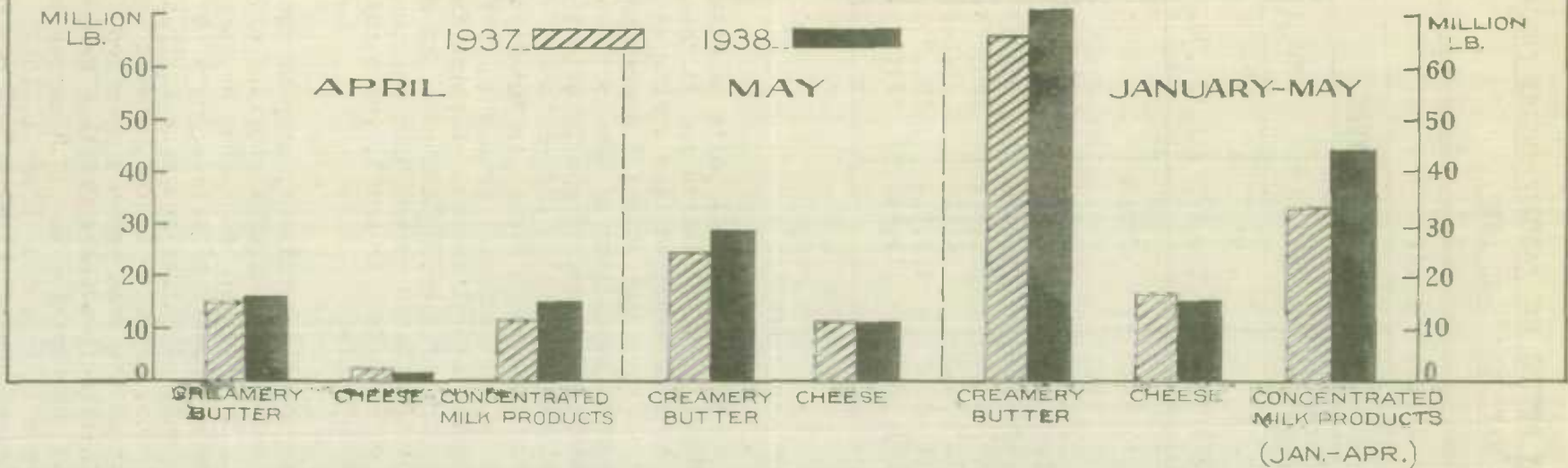
Review of the Production Situation

Pastures are in splendid condition in practically all parts of Canada. Rain-fall has been plentiful except in the Peace River area of Alberta and in the lower mainland of British Columbia. On account of cool backward weather during the first part of May the grass grew rather slowly, but rising temperatures accompanied by frequent showers furnished more favourable growing conditions as the month advanced. In the eastern provinces, clover fields and meadows are carrying a luxurious growth of grass and there has been very little winter killing except on old pastures. In the western provinces, the native prairie grass has come along nicely in the last few weeks, and even in districts where the effects of last summer's drought are still in evidence, knolls and hillsides are turning to a more natural colour. Despite the heavy precipitation in recent months, rain is needed in parts of Saskatchewan and northern Alberta. In the lower mainland of British Columbia pastures are holding up well but in some districts less than one half an inch of rain fell in April, and a continuation of dry weather in May is beginning to show its effects.

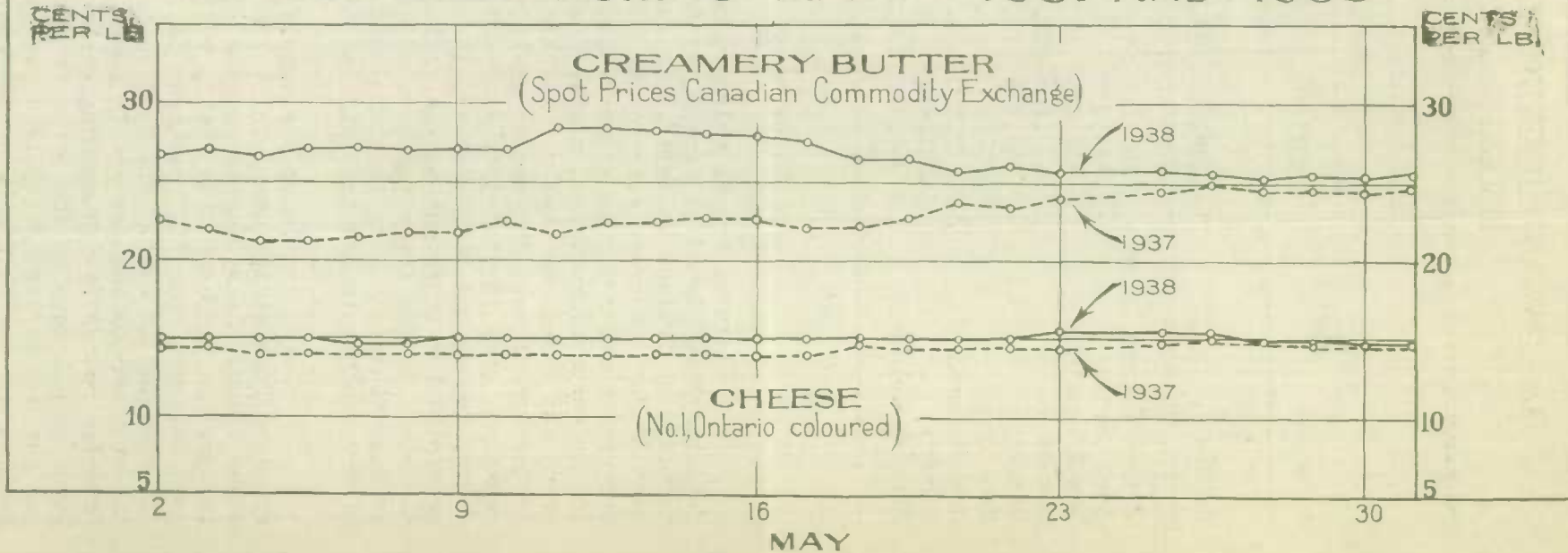
Dairy cattle on pastures are in fair to good condition, many of them were released from winter quarters earlier than usual on account of a shortage of grain and other feeds. Dairy Correspondents reported an increase in the number of cows milking in April as compared with April, 1937, and the percentage of milking cows to total cows advanced from 71.7 per cent to 74.3 per cent. A slight increase in freshenings is expected in June. All four western provinces, and also Quebec, showed advances in the milk production per cow in April over that of the same month a year ago, ranging from 1.8 pounds to 2.6 pounds; while in the Maritime provinces declines were reported. Based on all cows in the herds the average for the Dominion was 13.8 pounds of milk per cow per day in April, 1938, as compared with 13.1 pounds in April, 1937. The indications are that milk production will be exceptionally high in June and that the peak production of the season will be reached during the coming month.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS

APRIL, MAY AND JANUARY-MAY, 1937 AND 1938



DAILY PRICES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE AT MONTREAL DURING MAY — 1937 AND 1938



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