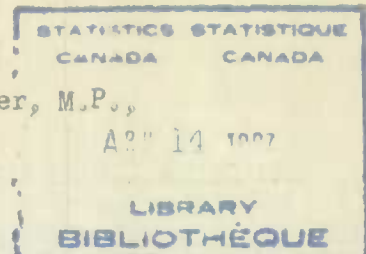


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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1938.
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in August increased approximately 11 per cent as compared with the August make of 1937 and decreased 10 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of August 35.2 million pounds of butter were produced and during the eight months ending August the output reached a total of 187.5 million pounds. The increase in the August make occurred in all provinces.

CHEESE PRODUCTION declined 12 per cent in August as compared with August, 1937, and decreased 8 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The August make was approximately 19.5 million pounds and the total during the period January to August amounted to 78 million pounds. All provinces except Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia contributed to the decrease recorded herein.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of July registered an increase of approximately 16 per cent over the same month last year and a decrease of 20 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During July, 13.3 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 4.6 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products. During the seven months January to July 80.6 million pounds of the former and 23.3 million pounds of the latter were produced in condensaries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 17.9 million pounds for July and 103.9 million pounds for the seven months ending July.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, averaged $23\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound, compared with $26\frac{3}{4}$ cents in August, 1937. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations, averaged $14\frac{3}{8}$ cents in August compared with $14\frac{1}{4}$ cents in August, 1937.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of August represented the equivalent of one billion pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 53 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 79.1 per cent and cheese represented 20.9 per cent of the total.

The total disappearance of Canadian made butter in August, 1938, amounted to 23.9 million pounds, an increase of 1.9 million pounds as compared with last month, and an increase of 740 thousands pounds as compared with the same month last year. This disappearance estimate is based on storage and transit stocks combined, amounting to 50.6 million pounds on August 1, and 61.0 million pounds on September 1. Exports in August, 1938, reached a total of 1,594,000 pounds as compared with 80,200 pounds last month and 54,300 pounds in August, 1937.

(1,594,000 pounds.)

The total disappearance of Canadian cheddar cheese in August, 1938, amounted to 14.5 million pounds, a decrease of 310 thousand pounds as compared with last month. Making stock adjustments to place the figures on a comparative basis with last year (37,145,559 pounds at August 1 and 41,821,346 pounds at September 1) a decrease of 604 thousand pounds is recorded as compared with the disappearance in August, 1937. August exports reached a total of 10.6 million pounds as compared with 11.7 million pounds last month and 13.2 million pounds in August, 1937.

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

Province	JULY			AUGUST		
	1937	1938x	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938+	More (+) Less (-)
	lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%
CANADA	35,916,043	39,010,048	(+) 8.6	31,643,352	35,165,484	(+) 11.1
Prince Edward Is.	440,347	401,870	(-) 8.7	324,082	356,040	(+) 9.9
Nova Scotia	845,627	881,777	(+) 4.3	605,817	730,633	(+) 20.6
New Brunswick	728,021	859,419	(+) 18.0	560,118	705,007	(+) 25.9
Quebec	10,993,492	12,266,720	(+) 11.6	10,297,153	11,600,000	(+) 12.7
Ontario	9,984,863	10,647,063	(+) 6.6	8,387,685	9,755,984	(+) 16.3
Manitoba	4,051,199	4,026,651	(-) 0.6	3,158,581	3,374,808	(+) 6.8
Saskatchewan	4,192,502	4,509,663	(+) 7.6	3,773,291	3,809,000	(+) 0.9
Alberta	4,171,942	4,885,641	(+) 17.1	4,070,556	4,362,841	(+) 7.2
British Columbia	508,050	531,244	(+) 4.6	466,049	471,171	(+) 1.1

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

Province	JULY			AUGUST		
	1937	1938x	More (+) Less (-)	1937	1938+	More (+) Less (-)
	lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%
CANADA	24,823,239	21,183,060	(-) 14.7	22,075,117	19,464,722	(-) 11.8
Prince Edward Is.	147,546	101,824	(-) 31.0	113,480	89,699	(-) 21.0
New Brunswick	144,720	113,173	(-) 21.8	108,152	95,722	(-) 11.5
Quebec	6,700,933	5,301,615	(-) 20.9	5,855,529	4,900,000	(-) 16.3
Ontario	17,015,558	14,744,341	(-) 13.4	15,266,776	13,611,543	(-) 10.8
Manitoba	463,044	438,822	(-) 5.2	372,171	336,985	(-) 9.5
Saskatchewan	79,813	92,173	(+) 15.5	75,874	91,220	(+) 20.2
Alberta	255,466	332,917	(+) 30.3	272,360	297,553	(+) 9.2
British Columbia	16,159	58,195	(+) 260.1	10,775	42,000	(+) 289.8

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111.- CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER AND FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROV. INCES, JANUARY TO AUGUST, 1937 AND 1938.

Province	JANUARY TO AUGUST					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1937	1938	More(+) Less(-)	1937	1938	More(+) Less(-)
	lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%
CANADA	172,062,560	187,451,383	(+) 8.9	88,567,452	77,976,495	(-) 12.0
Prince Edward Island	1,537,122	1,656,004	(+) 7.7	343,115	259,007	(-) 24.3
Nova Scotia	4,194,682	4,652,291	(+) 10.9			
New Brunswick	2,725,196	3,273,218	(+) 20.1	461,271	530,535	(-) 17.5
Quebec	48,595,051	52,847,383	(+) 8.8	21,241,715	17,126,745	(-) 19.4
Ontario	57,724,413	61,957,018	(+) 7.3	62,832,645	55,715,717	(-) 11.3
Manitoba	17,599,617	19,032,622	(+) 8.1	2,047,996	2,220,595	(+) 8.4
Saskatchewan	17,786,774	17,565,626	(-) 1.3	260,339	296,001	(+) 13.7
Alberta	18,232,483	22,634,804	(+) 24.1	1,207,011	1,572,128	(+) 30.2
British Columbia	3,667,222	3,832,417	(+) 4.5	173,360	404,719	(+) 33.5

REVIEW OF THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

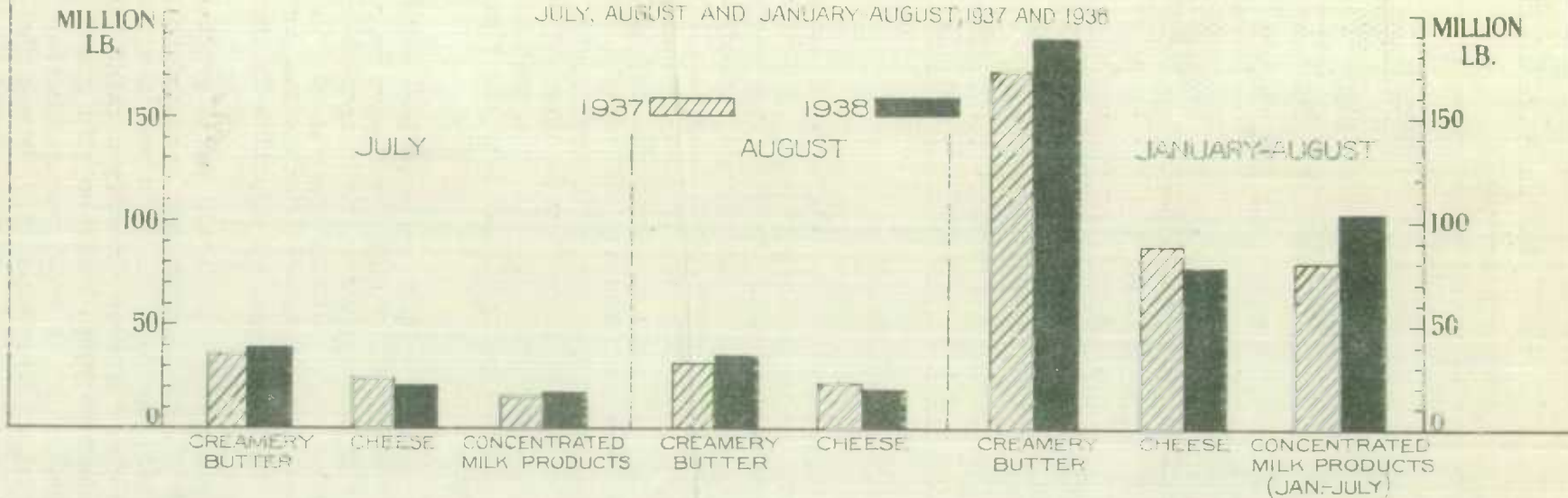
Rainy weather continued to slow up haying and harvesting operations during the month of August but these conditions favoured a good pasture growth. The delay in cutting and gathering hay has rendered much of the crop in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec unfit for feed. There is still a good deal of hay in the fields but any hay that has not been cut will be improved by the presence of an unusually large proportion of second growth grass. The aftermath on meadows is exceptionally good in the eastern provinces this season, particularly where the crop was cut early, and will provide ample forage for cattle during the autumn months. Pastures are fair in Manitoba but have recently deteriorated through the invasion of grasshoppers. On the south-eastern border and Central Manitoba the native grass shows the lack of precipitation during the season. In many parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta pastures have practically dried up, but since dairy cows are now being turned into the fields plenty of feed will be provided for at least another month.

The yields of coarse grains are not measuring up to expectations. Manitoba is harvesting a fair crop, although "spotty" rain fall during the season is quite definitely indicated. Wide variations exist in Saskatchewan; light crops being more or less general in southern and north central areas. Alberta has a good crop except in the Peace River and south-eastern sections. British Columbia has suffered from an abnormally dry season and a general reduction in feed supplies is inevitable.

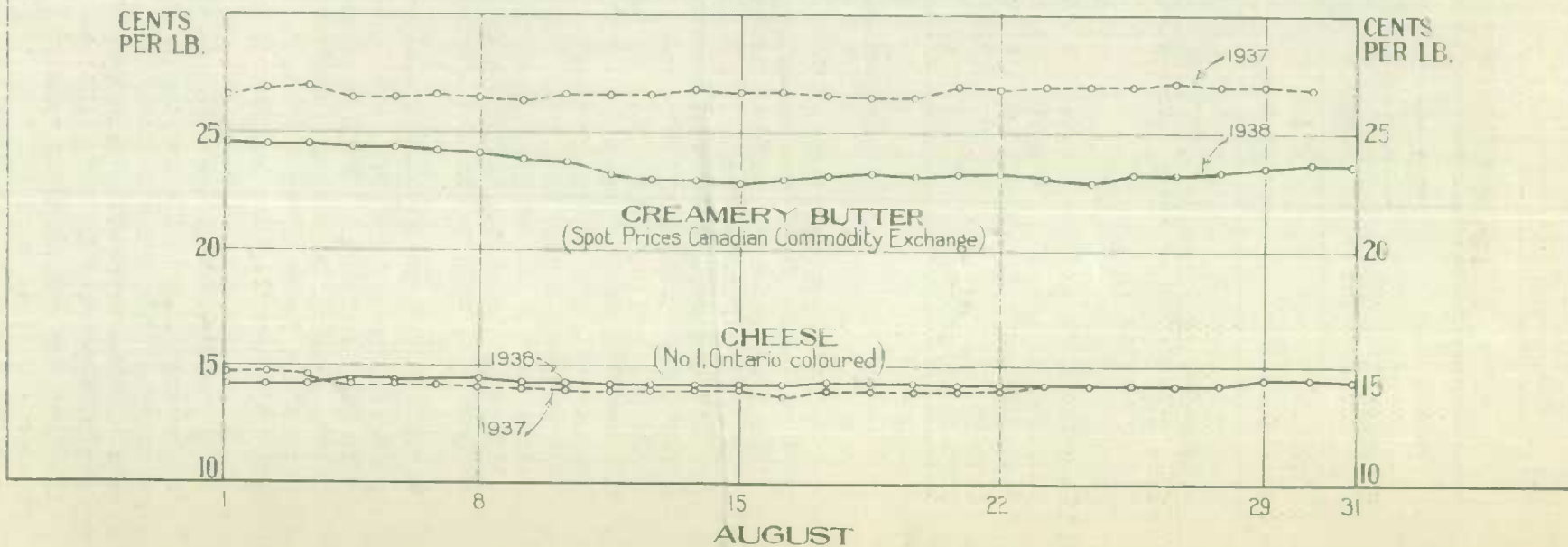
Dairy cattle are reported to be in good condition in all parts of Canada. The production of milk per cow in the month of July based on all cows in the herds of dairy correspondents amounted to 17.6 pounds per day, which is practically the same as that reported a year ago. The percentage of cows actually milking increased from 84.6 percent in July, 1937 to 85.5 percent in July, 1938, so that the milk flow per cow was slightly reduced. Conditions point to good pastures during September and it is expected that the quantity of milk produced will exceed that of the previous September, although the percentage increase may not be as great as that recorded in the month of August.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS

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