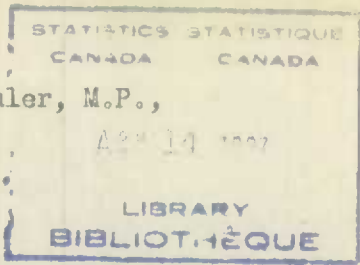




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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1939.
(Issued Wednesday, February 8, 1939)

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in January increased approximately 17 per cent as compared with the January make of 1938 and decreased 13 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of January 9.7 million pounds of butter were produced as compared with 8.4 million pounds in January, 1938. The increase in the January make occurred in all provinces except Nova Scotia.

CHEESE PRODUCTION increased 86 per cent in January as compared with January, 1938, and decreased 39 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. In January, 1939, the make was approximately 1.3 million pounds as compared with 684 thousand pounds in January, 1938. There was no cheese produced in the Maritime Provinces in January; of the remaining provinces, all contributed to the increase except Saskatchewan.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of December registered an increase of approximately 3 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of less than one-half of one per cent as compared with the preceding month. During December 6.2 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 2.2 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products. During the twelve months January to December 122.1 million pounds of the former and 39.0 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 8.4 million pounds for December and 161.1 million pounds for the twelve months ending December.

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 31 3/4 cents in January, 1938. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 12 1/8 cents in January compared with 14 1/2 cents in January, 1938.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of January represented the equivalent of 242.4 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 39 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 94.1 per cent and cheese represented 5.9 per cent of the total.

EXPORTS OF BUTTER in January amounted to 1,362,200 pounds as compared with 185,600 pounds last month and 84,000 pounds in January, 1938. (To adjust the January export figure to a strictly calendar month basis, deduct 28,000 pounds making a total of 1,334,200 pounds.

EXPORTS OF CHEESE in January reached a total of 1,329,500 pounds as against 7,574,500 pounds last month and 354,700 pounds in January a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of December amounted to 20.2 million pounds, representing an increase of 2.4 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 14.2 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 44.5 million pounds at January 1, 1939, and exports and imports amounting to 139,700 pounds and 722 pounds, respectively. The former is an adjusted figure allowing for a reduction of 73,900 pounds from the official figure for December and the addition of 28,000 pounds reported in January but actually shipped in December, to place the exports on a strictly calendar month basis.

I PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, JANUARY, 1938 and 1939.

Province	DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	1937	1938x	More(+) Less(-)	1938	1939/	More(+) Less(-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	9,823,479	11,247,322	(+) 14.5	8,367,468	9,747,782	(+) 16.5
Prince Edward Island	73,720	110,301	(+) 49.6	76,955	103,106	(+) 34.0
Nova Scotia	356,624	358,075	(+) 0.4	367,881	345,724	(-) 6.0
New Brunswick	82,702	105,402	(+) 27.4	82,601	90,104	(+) 9.1
Quebec	2,137,605	2,524,308	(+) 18.1	984,329	1,207,557	(+) 22.7
Ontario	4,250,937	4,818,181	(+) 13.3	3,961,051	4,544,705	(+) 14.7
Manitoba	872,774	949,398	(+) 8.8	915,810	1,053,132	(+) 15.0
Saskatchewan	492,678	659,427	(+) 33.8	538,301	681,550	(+) 26.6
Alberta	1,198,093	1,342,796	(+) 12.1	1,114,497	1,245,626	(+) 11.8
British Columbia	358,346	379,434	(+) 5.9	326,043	476,298	(+) 46.1

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II PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, JANUARY, 1938 and 1939.

Province	DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	1937	1938x	More(+) Less(-)	1938	1939/	More(+) Less(-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	1,120,759	2,077,613	(+) 85.4	683,889	1,271,765	(+) 86.0
Quebec	161,676	294,052	(+) 81.9	117,614	180,640	(+) 53.6
Ontario	730,648	1,384,998	(+) 89.6	338,602	702,349	(+) 107.4
Manitoba	104,725	159,328	(+) 52.1	103,661	153,775	(+) 48.3
Saskatchewan	782	660	(-) 15.6	870	490	(-) 43.7
Alberta	101,373	179,886	(+) 77.4	96,672	168,436	(+) 74.2
British Columbia	21,555	58,689	(+) 172.3	26,470	66,075	(+) 149.6

x Revised / Preliminary

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

Province	JANUARY TO DECEMBER					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1937	1938	More(+) Less(-)	1937	1938	More(+) Less(-)
lb.	lb.	%	lb.	lb.	%	
CANADA	246,387,259	266,886,883	(+) 8.3	128,444,337	121,314,607	(-) 5.6
Prince Edward Island	2,114,693	2,500,490	(+) 18.2	455,986	449,389	(-) 1.5
Nova Scotia	5,874,068	6,716,427	(+) 14.3	-	-	-
New Brunswick	3,623,787	4,519,157	(+) 24.7	597,162	539,491	(-) 9.7
Quebec	74,083,541	79,214,366	(+) 6.9	29,785,199	27,554,057	(-) 7.5
Ontario	81,227,382	87,893,148	(+) 8.2	92,255,834	85,959,923	(-) 6.8
Manitoba	24,343,485	25,703,684	(+) 5.6	2,923,873	3,344,202	(+) 14.4
Saskatchewan	23,571,938	23,524,260	(-) 0.2	343,449	420,968	(+) 22.6
Alberta	26,323,562	31,239,301	(+) 18.7	1,838,589	2,451,831	(+) 33.4
British Columbia	5,224,803	5,576,070	(+) 6.7	244,245	594,746	(+) 143.5

Note: The above are revised data; shown also in the supplementary tables accompanying this report.

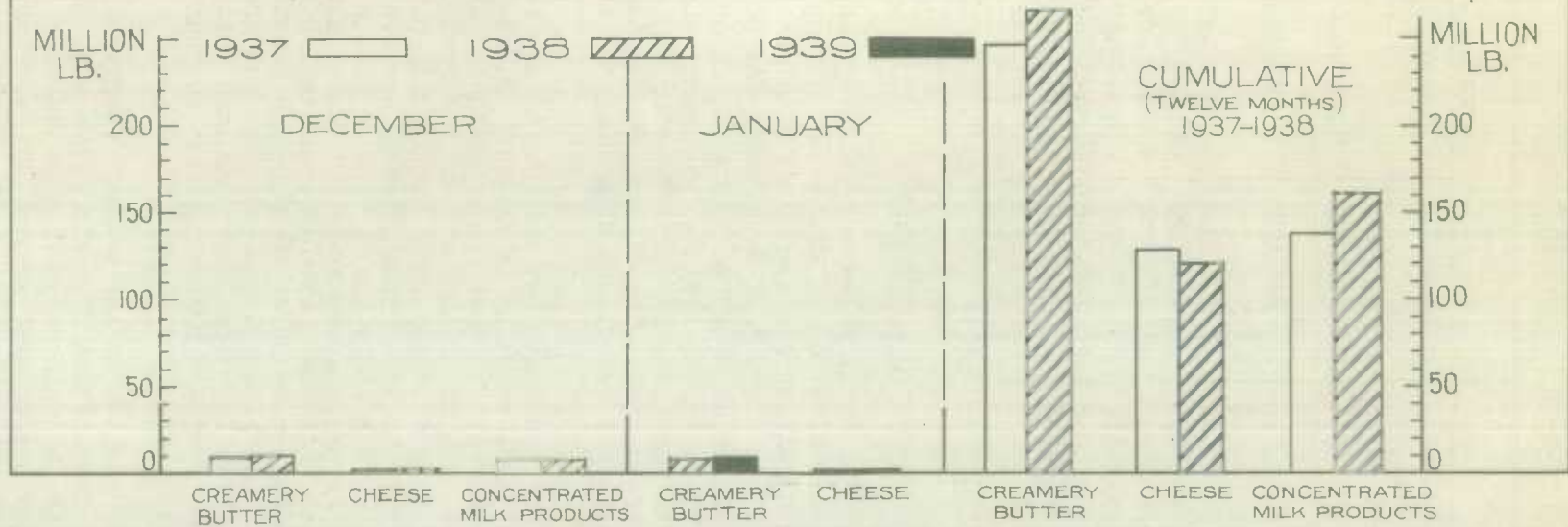
REVIEW OF THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

Feed supplies are holding out well in all parts of Canada, although in the Maritime Provinces the low quality and uneven distribution of grains are having an adverse influence on dairying. While heavier grain rations are needed to maintain production, the tendency is to restrict grain purchases on account of low butter-fat prices. Much the same situation exists in Ontario and Quebec although more grains, roots and ensilage are available. Ample feeds are available in the Prairie Provinces, and due to moderate weather the dug-outs and wells are supplying sufficient water for dairy stock. Low cost concentrates and mill feeds helped to offset the effects of reduced yields in British Columbia and farmers are not expected to experience a shortage of roughage until the early spring.

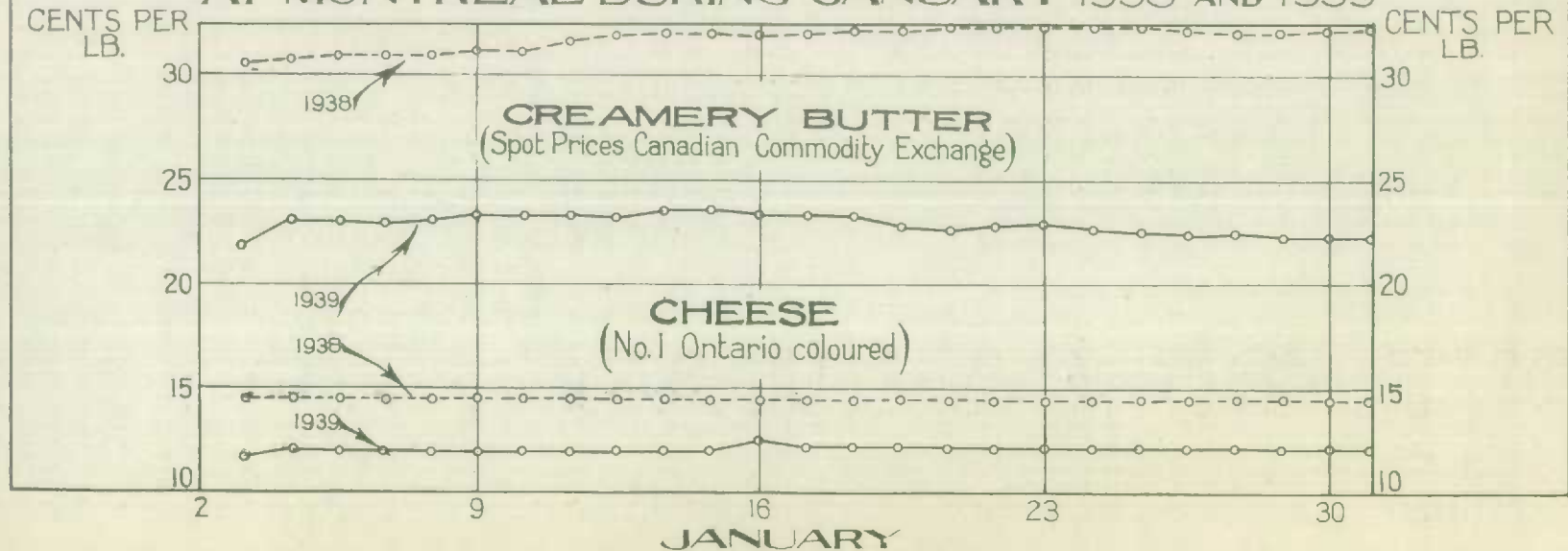
Dairy cows are being maintained in fair condition but unsatisfactory results from low quality feeds in the Eastern Provinces are beginning to appear. There is no evidence of any change from last year in the numbers of cows being freshened in Eastern Canada, but cows came into lactation later than usual in parts of the Prairies and spring freshenings will also be delayed. Cows formerly used for milking purposes are being used for nursing beef calves, but it is believed that freshenings are on the increase. Taking the three Prairie Provinces as a whole there is very little change from last year in the numbers of cows now being employed for dairying. There is an active demand for dairy cows in the Eastern Provinces, with prices ranging from \$50 to \$75 for grade cows, but only farm to farm sales are being made in the West. Prices seem to be a little higher on the Prairies than they were a year ago but are lower in British Columbia. A movement of heifer calves from the Lower Mainland into northern districts is anticipated, and although some cows are being exported to the United States the numbers sold are not as great as a few months ago.

There is no evidence of an immediate reaction to low butter-fat prices, now ranging from about 16 to 20 cents per pound. Competition from fruit growing, due to the satisfactory prices received for apples, is producing some decline in milk production in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, and higher beef prices may have a similar effect in the West if the existing price relationship continues. Notwithstanding these tendencies, the production of milk in the month of February promises to exceed the amount supplied in February, 1938, although the increase over the previous year is not expected to be as great as that recorded in the preceding month.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS



DAILY PRICES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE AT MONTREAL DURING JANUARY 1938 AND 1939



PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA BY PROVINCES

(January to December, 1938).

Month	CANADA	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
January	8,367,468	73,955	367,881	82,601	984,329
February	7,612,102	69,751	344,167	79,137	532,465
March	10,131,091	74,035	384,675	117,903	1,015,184
April	16,434,225	90,147	424,463	210,730	4,161,330
May	28,962,502	165,042	560,556	384,850	9,115,387
June	41,763,304	434,978	957,260	818,960	13,188,642
July	38,782,003	404,713	881,777	847,538	12,167,468
August	35,180,763	362,251	722,953	722,752	11,419,473
September	30,271,771	295,483	383,524	555,924	10,827,830
October	23,438,264	242,829	595,120	401,427	8,507,586
November	14,665,565	174,005	425,976	191,913	4,770,364
December	11,247,322	110,301	358,075	105,402	2,524,308
TOTAL	266,886,883	2,500,490	6,716,427	4,519,137	79,214,366

Month	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
January	3,931,051	915,810	538,301	1,114,497	326,043
February	3,715,319	937,889	566,465	1,058,555	308,354
March	4,875,555	1,239,015	728,565	1,370,449	355,710
April	6,677,584	1,563,288	936,241	1,917,066	453,376
May	9,959,713	2,813,134	2,155,275	3,074,916	733,629
June	12,255,895	4,181,447	4,319,881	4,900,399	706,342
July	10,511,448	4,039,118	4,520,895	4,875,959	533,087
August	9,778,541	3,486,828	3,823,965	4,366,178	487,825
September	9,108,441	2,781,586	2,493,466	3,078,150	447,367
October	7,093,985	1,723,069	1,911,038	2,507,845	455,365
November	5,137,435	1,073,102	870,741	1,632,491	389,538
December	4,818,181	949,398	659,427	1,342,796	379,434
TOTAL	87,893,148	25,703,684	23,524,260	31,239,301	5,576,070

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PRODUCTION OF CHEDDAR CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROVINCES

(January to December, 1938).

Month	CANADA	Prince Edward Island	New Brunswick	Quebec
January	683,889	-	-	117,614
February	553,417	-	-	71,786
March	724,634	-	-	64,193
April	1,730,543	-	-	173,254
May	11,521,397	70	48,789	1,646,818
June	22,157,229	67,331	122,999	5,010,577
July	21,200,573	99,666	113,173	5,331,924
August	19,818,162	93,041	95,722	5,031,208
September	18,421,473	89,633	82,974	4,817,400
October	15,210,559	81,735	63,662	3,765,792
November	7,215,118	17,913	12,172	1,229,439
December	2,077,613	-	-	294,052
TOTAL	121,314,607	449,389	539,491	27,554,057

Month	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
January	338,602	103,661	870	96,672	26,470
February	245,710	112,347	860	87,330	35,384
March	333,131	181,199	1,901	96,447	47,763
April	1,152,753	234,174	4,214	107,962	58,186
May	9,171,120	351,350	23,776	206,324	73,150
June	15,984,927	475,455	83,248	347,565	65,127
July	14,739,047	450,925	92,089	332,888	40,861
August	13,748,397	427,470	83,308	299,558	39,458
September	12,705,695	364,029	65,106	253,604	43,032
October	10,655,547	285,987	56,115	249,549	52,172
November	5,499,996	198,277	8,821	194,046	54,454
December	1,384,998	159,328	660	179,886	58,689
TOTAL	85,959,923	3,344,202	420,968	2,451,831	594,746