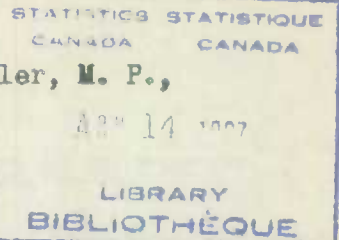




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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1939.
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in October increased less than one-half of one per cent as compared with the October make of 1938 and decreased 21 per cent, as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of October 23.5 million pounds of butter were produced and during the ten months ending October, the output reached a total of 239.4 million pounds. The increase in the October make occurred in all provinces except the Maritime Provinces, Alberta and British Columbia.

CHEESE PRODUCTION decreased approximately 17 per cent in October as compared with October 1938, and decreased 29 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The October make was approximately 12.6 million pounds and the total during the period January to October amounted to 113.4 million pounds. The decrease in the October make occurred in all provinces.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of September registered an increase of approximately 15 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 10 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During September 12.3 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 3.2 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By Products. During the nine months January to September 99.4 million pounds of the former and 28.2 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 15.5 million pounds for September and 127.6 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 27 3/4 cents a pound compared with 22 7/8 cents in October, 1938. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 13 7/8 cents in October compared with 14 3/8 cents in October, 1938.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of October represented the equivalent of 691.6 million pounds of milk, registering a decrease of approximately 27.4 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 79.5 per cent and cheese represented 20.5 per cent of the total.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of September amounted to 27.5 million pounds, representing an increase of 7.1 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 12.2 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 57.6 million pounds at October 1, 1939, and exports and imports amounting to 233,800 pounds and 619 pounds respectively.

1. PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, OCTOBER, 1938 AND 1939.

| Province | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| | 1938 | 1939 x | More (+) Less (-) | 1938 | 1939 / | More (+) Less (-) |
| | Lb. | Lb. | % | Lb. | Lb. | % |
| CANADA | 30,271,771 | 29,878,931 | (-) 1.3 | 23,438,264 | 23,496,717 | (+) 0.2 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 295,483 | 199,503 | (-) 32.5 | 242,829 | 150,115 | (-) 38.2 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 683,524 | 507,041 | (-) 25.8 | 595,120 | 396,939 | (-) 33.3 |
| New Brunswick.. | 555,924 | 448,426 | (-) 19.3 | 401,427 | 260,653 | (-) 35.1 |
| Quebec..... | 10,827,830 | 11,232,485 | (+) 3.7 | 8,507,586 | 8,922,139 | (+) 4.9 |
| Ontario..... | 9,108,441 | 8,730,925 | (-) 4.1 | 7,093,985 | 7,162,809 | (+) 1.0 |
| Manitoba..... | 2,781,586 | 2,929,330 | (+) 5.3 | 1,723,069 | 2,127,657 | (+) 23.5 |
| Saskatchewan... | 2,493,466 | 2,604,383 | (+) 4.4 | 1,911,038 | 1,980,113 | (+) 3.6 |
| Alberta..... | 3,078,150 | 2,728,947 | (-) 11.3 | 2,507,845 | 2,083,328 | (-) 16.9 |
| British Columbia | 447,367 | 497,891 | (+) 11.3 | 455,365 | 412,964 | (-) 9.3 |

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II. PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, OCTOBER, 1938 AND 1939.

| Province | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| | 1938 | 1939 x | More (+) Less (-) | 1938 | 1939 / | More (+) Less (-) |
| | Lb. | Lb. | % | Lb. | Lb. | % |
| CANADA | 18,421,473 | 17,817,582 | (-) 3.3 | 15,210,559 | 12,637,990 | (-) 16.9 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 89,633 | 77,750 | (-) 13.3 | 81,735 | - | - |
| New Brunswick... | 82,974 | 70,215 | (-) 15.4 | 63,662 | - | - |
| Quebec..... | 4,817,400 | 3,976,159 | (-) 17.5 | 3,765,792 | 2,444,606 | (-) 35.1 |
| Ontario..... | 12,705,695 | 13,114,490 | (+) 3.2 | 10,655,547 | 9,785,612 | (-) 8.2 |
| Manitoba..... | 364,029 | 337,170 | (-) 7.4 | 285,987 | 220,379 | (-) 22.9 |
| Saskatchewan... | 65,106 | 33,591 | (-) 48.4 | 56,115 | 23,190 | (-) 58.7 |
| Alberta..... | 253,604 | 160,003 | (-) 36.9 | 249,549 | 124,683 | (-) 50.0 |
| British Columbia | 43,032 | 48,204 | (+) 12.0 | 52,172 | 39,520 | (-) 24.3 |

x Revised. / Preliminary.

III - CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER AND FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA,
BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO OCTOBER, 1938 AND 1939.

| Province | JANUARY TO OCTOBER | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | BUTTER | | | CHEESE | | |
| | 1938 | 1939 | More (+) Less (-) | 1938 | 1939 | More (+) Less (-) |
| Lb. | Lb. | % | Lb. | Lb. | % | |
| CANADA | 240,973,996 | 239,399,939 | (-) 0.7 | 112,021,876 | 113,383,168 | (+) 1.2 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 2,216,184 | 1,739,062 | (-) 21.5 | 431,476 | 398,020 | (-) 7.7 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 5,932,376 | 4,989,215 | (-) 15.9 | - | - | - |
| New Brunswick.... | 4,221,822 | 3,727,044 | (-) 11.7 | 527,319 | 516,033 | (-) 2.1 |
| Quebec..... | 71,919,694 | 72,062,395 | (+) 0.2 | 26,030,566 | 25,021,092 | (-) 3.9 |
| Ontario..... | 77,937,532 | 77,361,402 | (-) 0.7 | 79,074,929 | 81,219,886 | (+) 2.7 |
| Manitoba..... | 23,681,184 | 24,152,836 | (+) 2.0 | 2,986,597 | 3,074,227 | (+) 2.9 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 21,994,092 | 23,087,959 | (+) 5.0 | 411,487 | 331,596 | (-) 19.4 |
| Alberta..... | 28,264,014 | 26,865,765 | (-) 4.9 | 2,077,899 | 1,994,470 | (-) 4.0 |
| British Columbia. | 4,807,098 | 5,414,261 | (+) 12.3 | 481,603 | 827,844 | (+) 71.9 |

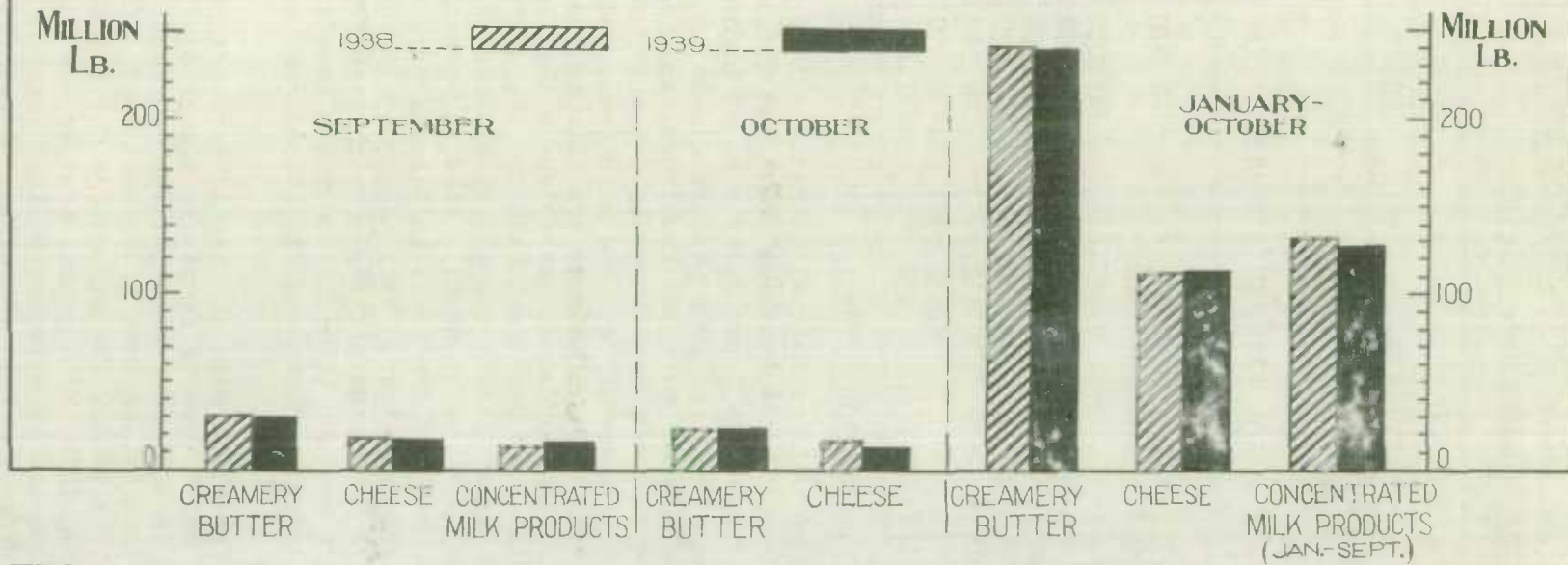
REVIEW OF THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

Rainy weather during the first part of October maintained satisfactory pasture growth in most sections of Eastern Canada. Low temperatures prevailed during the last half of the month, however, making it necessary to house dairy cows at night and to do a good deal of supplementary feeding. The effect of poor pasture growth in the late summer and early fall is still in evidence in the Maritime Provinces; and followed by cold weather in the latter part of October, milk production showed a sharp decline from last year. Quebec and Ontario farms are heavily stocked with feed, and silos are well filled as the result of a good corn crop. Pastures are fair to good, and have held up well except in a few counties in southern Ontario where they bear the imprint of the prolonged mid-summer drought. In Western Canada the comparatively dry weather that obtained early in the month was radically changed by a sudden dip in temperature late in October accompanied by a heavy snowfall. Plowing operations were arrested in Manitoba, and blocked by snow many of the roads in Alberta were rendered almost impassible. Bright warm weather has now cleared away the snow although farmers are finding it necessary to stable-feed to keep cows milking. Rains in British Columbia in early October followed by warm weather later in the month have greatly improved the pasture growth, but this favourable change in conditions came too late to arrest a decline in milk production.

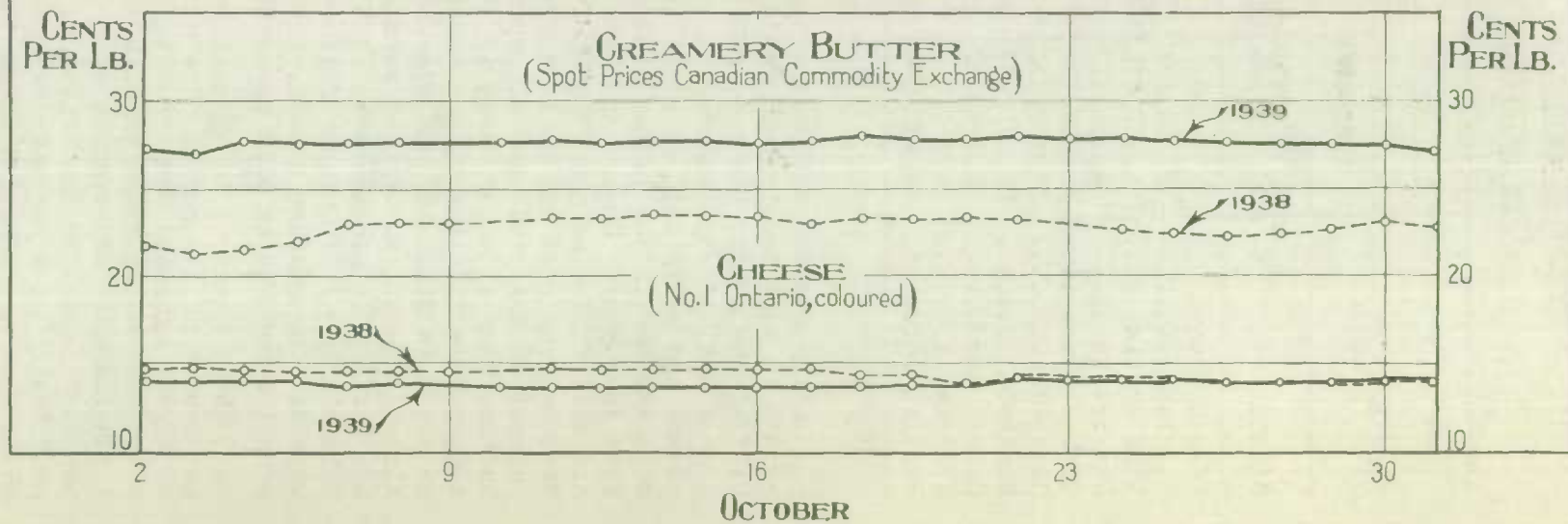
There seems to be an active demand for milch cows and prices have advanced in the course of the month. The numbers of milch cows on farms are almost equal to those of a year ago, and cows actually milking in September averaged 80.7 per cent of the total numbers as compared with 81.3 per cent in the same month last year. This shows a considerable improvement over the previous month, the percentage for August being 2 per cent less than that recorded in August, 1938. The production per cow was practically on a par with the previous year and in relation to last year's figures would seem to reflect a slight improvement in the feed situation. Somewhat higher prices for dairy products in September and October over those of previous months tended to increase the proportion of milk and cream delivered to factories. Creameries appear to have benefited to the greatest extent, and with the closing of cheese factories this tendency promises to show up more in future months. Unless weather conditions are exceptionally favourable, however, milk production in the month of November would be expected to register a slight decline as compared with the same month of 1938.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND JANUARY-OCTOBER, 1938 AND 1939



DAILY PRICES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE AT MONTREAL, DURING OCTOBER 1938 AND 1939



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