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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, APRIL, 1939  
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in April decreased approximately 4 per cent as compared with the April make of 1938 and increased 45 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of April 15.8 million pounds of butter were produced and during the four months ending April, the output reached a total of 45.0 million pounds. The decrease in the April make occurred in all provinces except Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

CHEESE PRODUCTION increased 66 per cent in April as compared with April 1938, and increased 77 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The April make was approximately 2.9 million pounds and the total during the period January to April amounted to 7.1 million pounds. There was no cheese produced in the Maritime Provinces in April; of the remaining provinces, all contributed to the increase except Saskatchewan.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of March registered a decrease of approximately 20 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 63 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During March 7.3 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 2.3 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By Products. During the three months January to March 16.4 million pounds of the former and 6.3 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 9.6 million pounds for March and 22.7 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 product, averaged 21 1/4 cents a pound, compared with 30 3/4 cents in April, 1938. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 10 7/8 cents in April compared with 15 1/2 cents in April, 1938.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of April represented the equivalent of 402.7 million pounds of milk, registering a decrease of approximately 1.4 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 92.0 per cent and cheese represented 8.0 per cent of the total.

Exports of Butter in April amounted to 633,100 pounds as compared with 2,179,700 pounds last month and 23,200 pounds in April, 1938.

Exports of Cheese in April reached a total of 376,600 pounds as against 890,400 pounds last month and 1,620,400 pounds in April a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of March amounted to 19.0 million pounds, representing an increase of 2.5 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 8.1 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 13.0 million pounds at April 1, 1939, and exports and imports amounting to 2,179,700 pounds and 1,180 pounds, respectively.

I. - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, APRIL, 1938 AND 1939

Province	MARCH			APRIL		
	1938	1939x	More (+) Less (-)	1938	1939/	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA .....	10,161,091	10,898,750	(+) 7.3	16,434,225	15,826,727	(-) 3.7
Prince Edward Island .....	74,035	61,173	(-) 17.4	90,147	66,922	(-) 25.8
Nova Scotia ....	384,675	334,499	(-) 13.0	424,463	327,078	(-) 22.9
New Brunswick ..	117,903	115,913	(-) 1.7	210,730	159,474	(-) 24.3
Quebec .....	1,015,184	1,208,503	(+) 19.0	4,161,330	3,887,539	(-) 6.6
Ontario .....	4,875,555	5,269,248	(+) 8.1	6,677,584	6,550,682	(-) 1.9
Manitoba .....	1,239,015	1,305,266	(+) 5.3	1,563,238	1,638,232	(+) 4.8
Saskatchewan ...	728,565	773,469	(+) 6.2	936,241	1,024,500	(+) 9.4
Alberta .....	1,370,449	1,325,408	(-) 3.3	1,917,066	1,677,558	(-) 12.5
British Columbia	355,710	505,271	(+) 42.0	453,376	494,742	(+) 9.1

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

Province	MARCH			APRIL		
	1938	1939x	More (+) Less (-)	1938	1939/	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA .....	724,634	1,628,979	(+)124.8	1,730,543	2,877,310	(+) 66.3
Quebec .....	64,193	100,900	(+) 57.2	173,254	250,809	(+) 44.8
Ontario .....	333,131	1,019,997	(+)206.2	1,152,753	2,082,733	(+) 80.7
Manitoba .....	181,199	240,634	(+) 32.8	234,174	267,083	(+) 14.1
Saskatchewan ...	1,901	2,398	(+) 26.1	4,214	3,670	(-) 12.9
Alberta .....	96,447	172,067	(+) 78.4	107,962	181,274	(+) 67.9
British Columbia	47,765	92,963	(+) 94.6	58,186	91,741	(+) 57.7

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

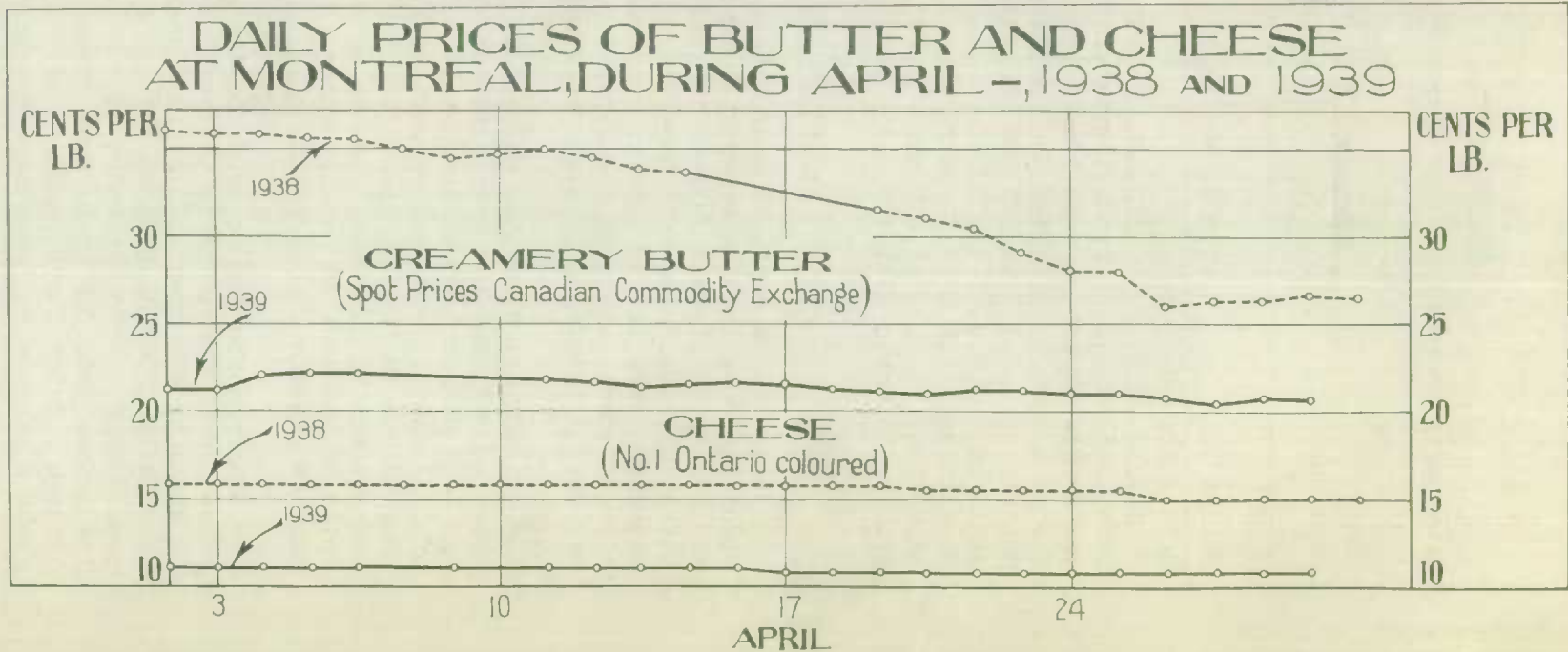
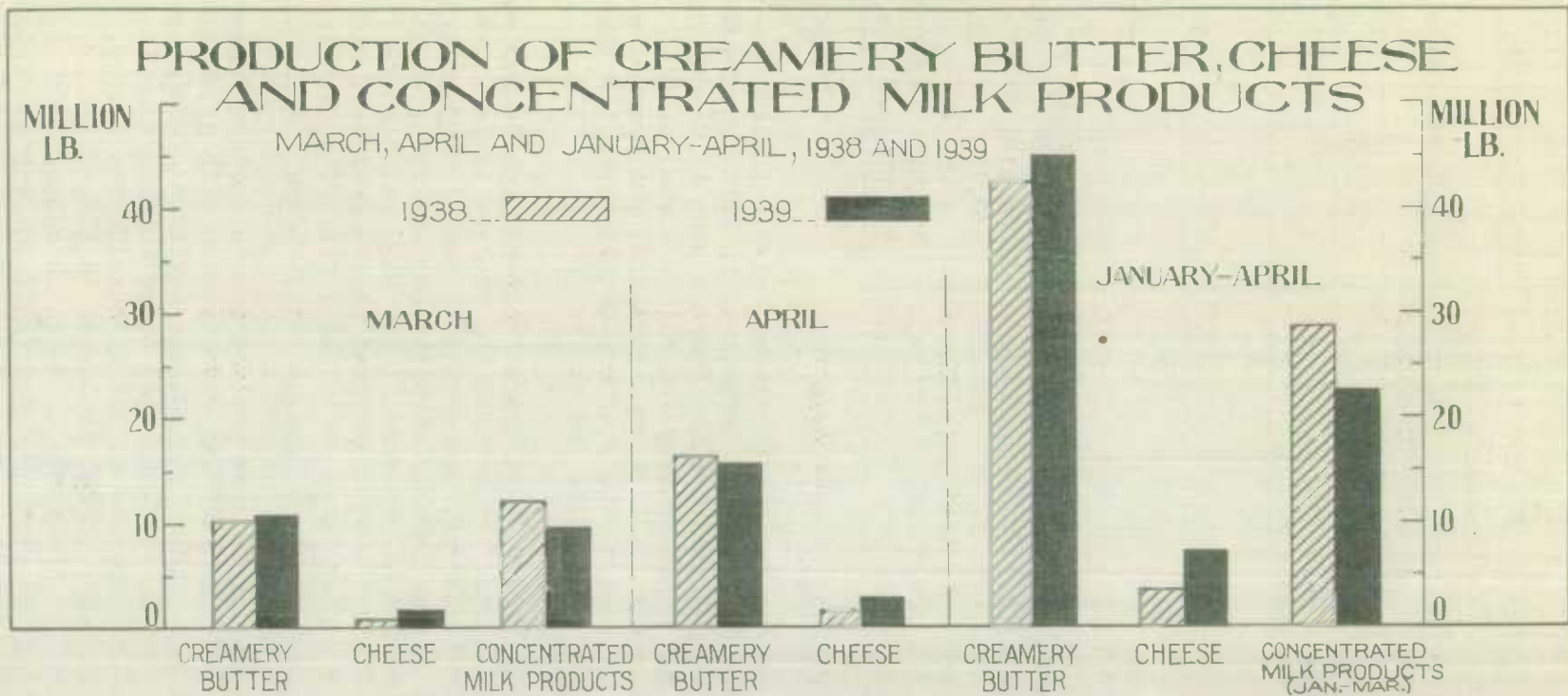
Province	JANUARY TO APRIL					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1938	1939	More (+) Less (-)	1938	1939	More (+) Less (-)
Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%	
CANADA .....	42,574,886	44,998,326	(+) 5.7	3,692,483	7,062,083	(+) 91.3
Prince Edward Island .....	310,888	290,866	(-) 6.4	-	-	-
Nova Scotia ....	1,521,186	1,316,823	(-) 13.4	-	-	-
New Brunswick ..	490,371	451,197	(-) 8.0	-	-	-
Quebec .....	6,693,308	6,994,361	(+) 4.5	426,847	626,320	(+) 46.7
Ontario .....	19,229,509	20,486,163	(+) 6.5	2,070,196	4,584,112	(+) 121.4
Manitoba .....	4,656,002	5,015,381	(+) 7.7	631,381	839,110	(+) 32.9
Saskatchewan ...	2,769,572	3,117,088	(+) 12.5	7,845	7,283	(-) 7.2
Alberta .....	5,460,567	5,340,579	(-) 2.2	388,411	671,425	(+) 72.9
British Columbia	1,443,483	1,985,868	(+) 37.6	167,803	333,833	(+) 98.9

REVIEW OF THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

April was a cool, backward month in the Eastern Provinces, with rain and considerable snow in many areas. At Truro there were 25 days in which frost was reported and 16 inches of snow fell on the last day of the month. Temperatures at Ottawa were quite low, averaging 34.3 degrees for the month as compared with a normal of 41.5 degrees. Very little seeding was done until the last week in April, pastures were slow to start, and with the exception of some of the southern Ontario counties there was very little open grazing until nearly the end of the month.

A contrary situation existed in the Western Provinces. Temperatures ranged well above normal, and the precipitation was light. At Brandon the average temperature was 38.4 degrees and at Agassiz it was 51 degrees, compared with normal temperatures of 37.7 and 49.7 degrees respectively. Exceptionally warm weather was reported at many points in the Prairies after the middle of the month. The high point at Swift Current was 92 degrees. Seeding operations are well advanced on the Prairies, and in spite of the lack of precipitation this spring there is a fair supply of soil moisture to promote quick growth.

Dairy herds are in good condition, but a lack of pasture in the Eastern Provinces due to unfavourable weather caused a substantial reduction in milk production in April as compared with April a year ago. There was quite a movement of dairy cows from Eastern Canadian farms during the month, and pure bred dairy heifers were in good demand. Some shipments were made from Ontario to the Eastern United States. The prices paid for grade cows ranged from \$35 to \$40 in Quebec to \$50 to \$75 in Ontario. Dairy Correspondents reporting for the month of March indicated that the numbers of cows on farms were practically the same as a year ago, but the percentage actually milking increased from 63.5 per cent in March, 1938, to 66.4 per cent in March, 1939. Milk production per cow (based on all cows in the herds) advanced from 11.4 to 12.2 pounds per cow per day. There is a general feeling of discouragement resulting from low prices for factory milk and butter-fat; but dairy herds are being maintained at about the usual numbers, and with favourable weather conditions the milk production in May is likely to approximate that of a year ago.



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