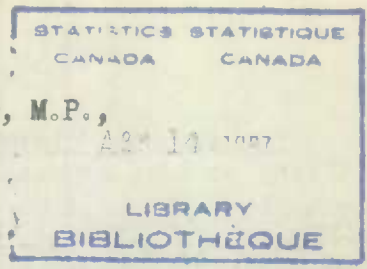




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MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1939.
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in September decreased approximately 2 per cent as compared with the September make of 1938 and decreased 13 per cent, as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of September 29.6 million pounds of butter were produced and during the nine months ending September, the output reached a total of 215.6 million pounds. The decrease in the September make occurred in all provinces except Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

CHEESE PRODUCTION decreased approximately 3 per cent in September as compared with September 1938, and decreased 12 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The September make was approximately 17.9 million pounds and the total during the period January to September amounted to 100.9 million pounds. The decrease in the September make occurred in all provinces except Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of August registered an increase of approximately 12 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 11 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During August 13.4 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 3.8 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By Products. During the eight months January to August 87.1 million pounds of the former and 25.0 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 17.2 million pounds for August and 112.1 million pounds for the eight months ending August.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, averaged 26 1/4 cents a pound, compared with 22 3/4 cents in September, 1938. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 12 1/8 cents in September compared with 14 1/2 cents in September, 1938.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of September represented the equivalent of 893.7 million pounds of milk, registering a decrease of approximately 21.3 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 77.5 per cent and cheese represented 22.5 per cent of the total.

Exports of Butter in September amounted to 233,800 pounds as compared with 1,014,700 pounds last month and 1,571,200 pounds in September, 1938.

Exports of Cheese in September reached a total of 9,660,400 pounds as against 12,763,300 pounds last month and 13,992,900 pounds in September a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of August amounted to 24.1 million pounds, representing an increase of 1.2 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 6.8 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 55.4 million pounds at September 1, 1939, and exports and imports amounting to 1,014,700 pounds and 257 pounds respectively.

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

Province	AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	1938	1939 x	More (+) Less (-)	1938	1939 /	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	35,180,766	33,928,273	(-) 3.6	30,271,771	29,596,859	(-) 2.2
Prince Edward Island	362,251	283,915	(-) 21.6	295,483	201,147	(-) 31.9
Nova Scotia ...	732,953	642,639	(-) 12.3	683,524	505,768	(-) 26.0
New Brunswick..	722,752	670,921	(-) 7.2	555,924	446,276	(-) 19.7
Quebec	11,419,473	11,246,458	(-) 1.5	10,827,830	10,970,992	(+) 1.3
Ontario	9,778,541	9,502,075	(-) 2.8	9,108,441	8,770,473	(-) 3.7
Manitoba	3,486,828	3,240,720	(-) 7.1	2,781,586	2,896,242	(+) 4.1
Saskatchewan ..	3,823,965	3,701,713	(-) 3.2	2,493,466	2,604,603	(+) 4.5
Alberta	4,366,178	4,134,766	(-) 5.3	3,078,150	2,723,762	(-) 11.5
British Columbia	487,825	505,066	(+) 3.5	447,367	477,596	(+) 6.8

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11. - PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SEPTEMBER, 1938 AND 1939.

Province	AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	1938	1939 x	More (+) Less (-)	1938	1939 /	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	19,818,162	20,437,938	(+) 3.1	18,421,473	17,927,643	(-) 2.7
Prince Edward Island	93,041	118,870	(+) 27.8	89,633	43,008	(-) 52.0
New Brunswick..	95,722	100,010	(+) 4.5	82,974	69,120	(-) 16.7
Quebec	5,031,208	5,314,140	(+) 5.6	4,817,400	3,810,648	(-) 20.9
Ontario	13,748,397	14,143,061	(+) 2.9	12,705,695	13,392,036	(+) 5.4
Manitoba	427,470	398,298	(-) 6.8	364,029	376,700	(+) 3.5
Saskatchewan ..	83,308	77,548	(-) 6.9	65,106	31,292	(-) 51.9
Alberta	299,558	215,787	(-) 28.0	253,604	156,635	(-) 38.2
British Columbia	39,458	70,224	(+) 78.0	43,032	48,204	(+) 12.0

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

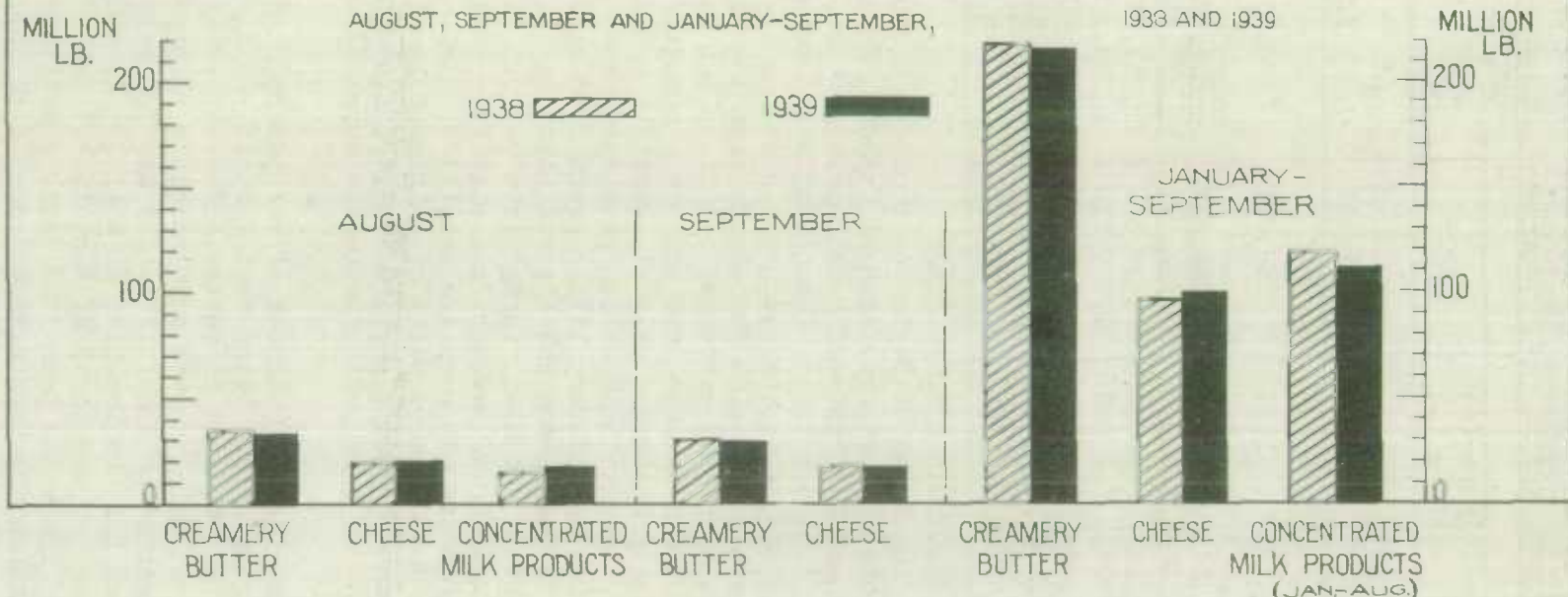
Province	JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1938	1939	More (+) Less (-)	1938	1939	More (+) Less (-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	217,535,732	215,621,150	(-) 0.9	96,811,317	100,855,239	(+) 4.2
Prince Edward Island	1,973,355	1,590,591	(-)19.4	349,741	363,278	(+) 3.9
Nova Scotia	5,337,256	4,591,003	(-)14.0	-	-	-
New Brunswick ..	3,820,395	3,464,241	(-) 9.3	463,657	514,938	(+)11.1
Quebec	63,412,108	62,878,763	(-) 0.8	22,264,774	22,410,975	(+) 0.7
Ontario	70,843,547	70,238,141	(-) 0.9	68,419,382	71,711,820	(+) 4.8
Manitoba	21,958,115	21,992,091	(+) 0.2	2,700,610	2,893,378	(+) 7.1
Saskatchewan ...	20,083,054	21,108,066	(+) 5.1	355,372	306,107	(-)13.9
Alberta	25,756,169	24,777,252	(-) 3.8	1,828,350	1,866,419	(+) 2.1
British Columbia	4,351,733	4,981,002	(+)14.5	429,451	788,324	(+)83.6

REVIEW OF THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

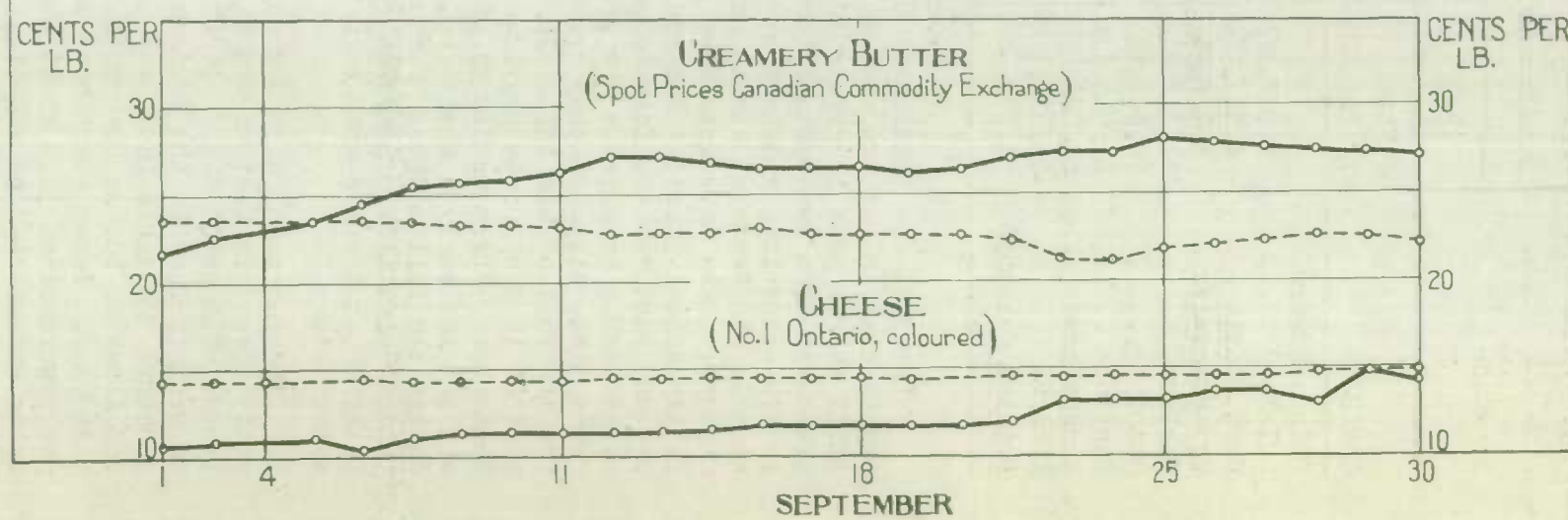
Frequent and beneficial rains in the month of September produced a considerable improvement in pasture conditions in the Eastern Provinces of Canada. The forage is still rather poor in Prince Edward Island and parts of Nova Scotia, however, and the aftermath from meadows has been quite disappointing. The situation is somewhat better in New Brunswick, and in most sections of Quebec the pasture conditions are practically normal. In Western Ontario the grass has been slow to recover from the midsummer drought; rains have freshened up the meadows and pastures, but there has been very little actual growth. Eastern and Northern Ontario received ample quantities of moisture and pastures are fair to good. Early September rains in Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan produced a new growth on stubble fields which gave dairy cows enough forage for a time, although they are now drying up and very little green feed will be available for the rest of the fall. In Western Saskatchewan and Alberta, the late harvest and dry weather in many parts provided very little succulent forage from harvest fields during September. There is plenty of grain and straw, however, and with favourable weather and not too early a freeze-up, dairy farmers may reap the benefit of these feed supplies during the fall months. Pastures are good in most parts of British Columbia and winter feed is plentiful. Somewhat spotty pasture conditions are reported from the Northern Interior, but while more rain is needed in some parts the forage supplies are generally satisfactory.

The increase in prices which came with the outbreak of war has stimulated dairying activities. In Eastern Canada the higher prices being paid for mill feeds and concentrates will practically offset the price advances in butter and cheese; while the rise in grain prices in the Western Provinces will prevent any immediate changes in dairy farm economy. Possible increases in freshenings in the fall months are forecast for Manitoba and Alberta, but no change is indicated for the Dominion as a whole as compared with last year. Fewer milch cows were milked in the month of August, but the production per cow remained just about the same. There has been considerable activity in farm sales and milch cows actually in lactation are in strong demand. Milk production in October is not expected to exceed the milk supply of a year ago; a greater demand for breeding stock, however, would suggest that a general movement toward increased production is in prospect.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, CHEESE AND CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS



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



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