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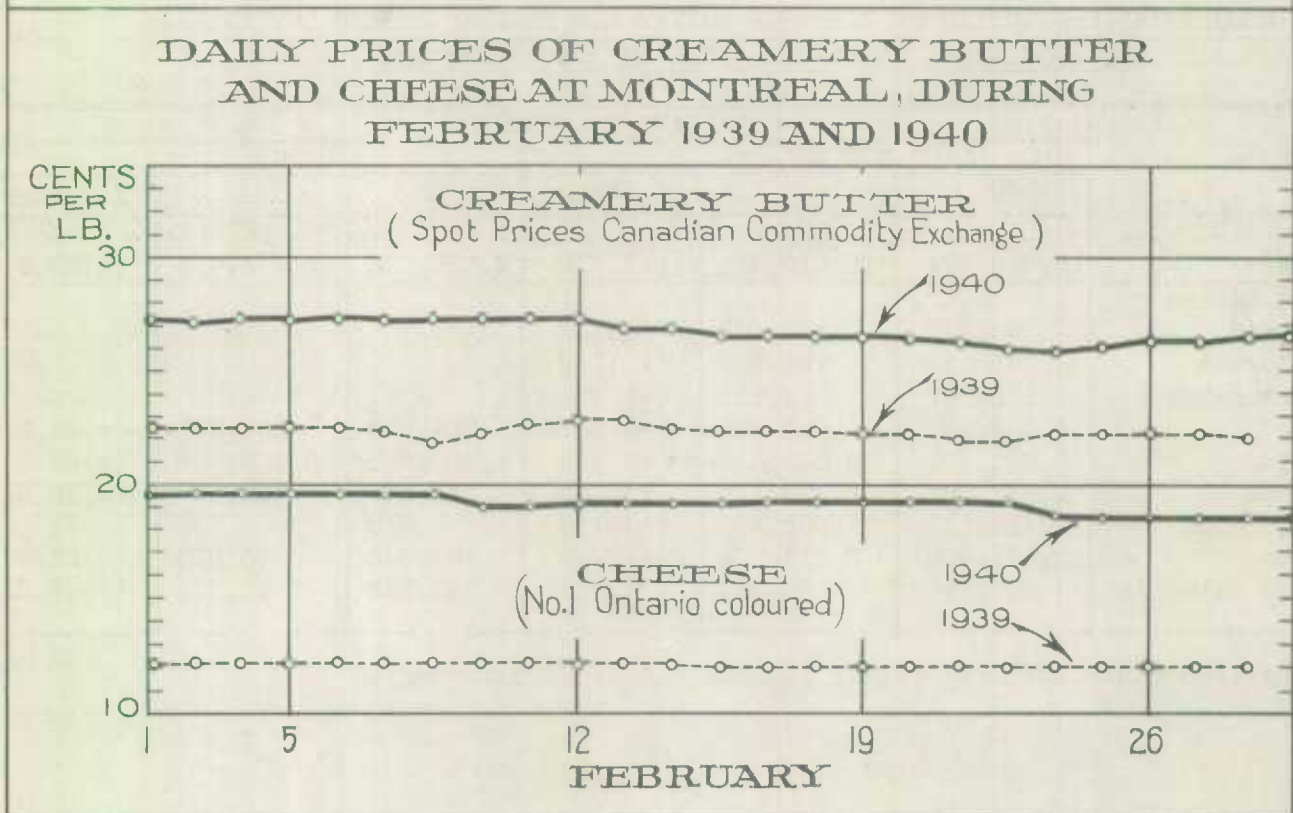
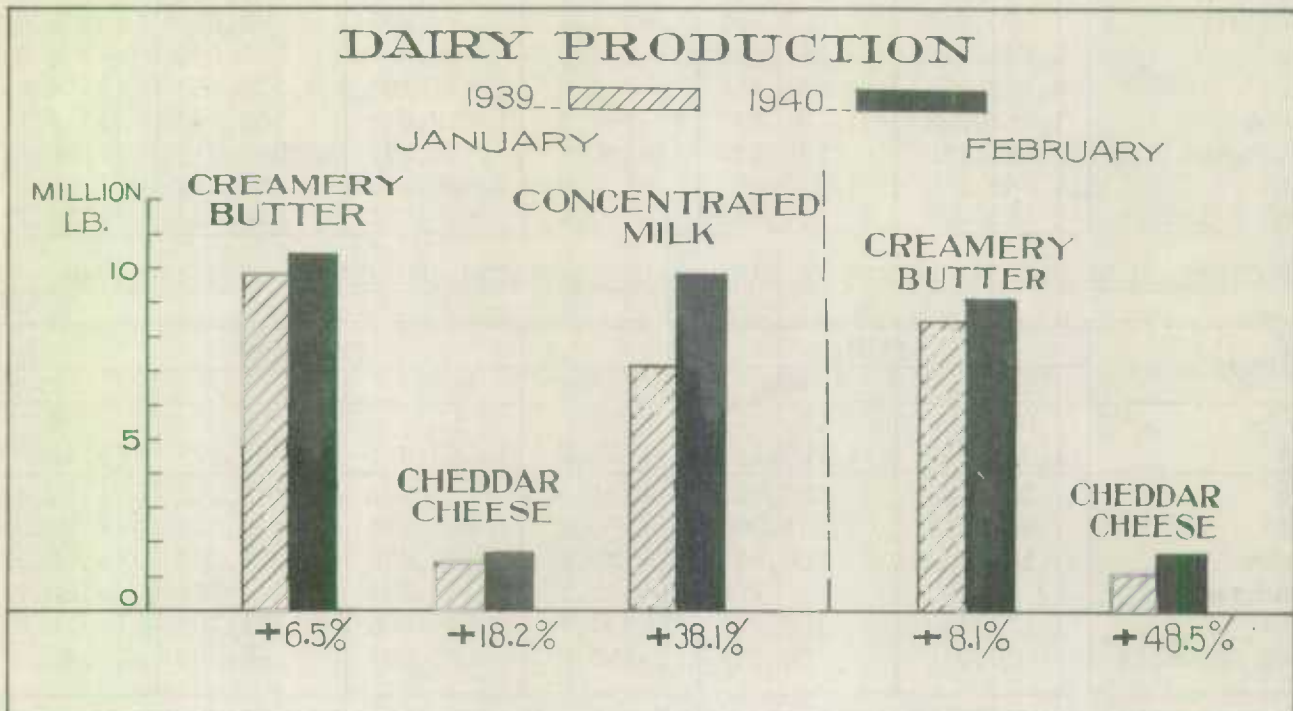
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I - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, FEBRUARY, 1939 and 1940.

Province	JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	1939	1940 x	% Change	1939	1940/	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	9,810,077	10,444,259	(+) 6.5	8,479,347	9,166,012	(+) 8.1
Prince Edward Island	93,809	64,992	(-) 30.7	70,434	57,877	(-) 17.8
Nova Scotia	345,689	377,137	(+) 9.1	309,957	351,750	(+) 13.5
New Brunswick	90,246	97,301	(+) 7.8	84,821	82,620	(-) 2.6
Quebec	1,278,954	1,266,663	(-) 1.0	624,968	597,840	(-) 4.3
Ontario	4,533,267	4,735,816	(+) 4.5	4,131,164	4,312,596	(+) 4.4
Manitoba	1,054,922	1,142,741	(+) 8.3	1,022,342	1,156,374	(+) 13.1
Saskatchewan	683,142	997,620	(+) 46.0	635,977	994,719	(+) 56.4
Alberta	1,246,119	1,330,624	(+) 6.8	1,090,887	1,287,352	(+) 18.0
British Columbia	483,929	431,365	(-) 10.9	508,797	324,884	(-) 36.2

II - PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, FEBRUARY, 1939 AND 1940.

Province	JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	1939	1940x	% Change	1939	1940/	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	1,445,049	1,708,145	(+) 18.2	1,188,477	1,765,329	(+) 48.5
Quebec	180,581	227,221	(+) 25.8	93,993	162,050	(+) 72.4
Ontario	864,119	1,124,056	(+) 30.1	692,874	1,156,809	(+) 66.9
Manitoba	161,944	208,834	(+) 28.9	169,623	278,023	(+) 63.9
Saskatchewan	490	230	(-) 53.1	725	560	(-) 22.8
Alberta	171,840	108,733	(-) 36.7	148,208	125,187	(-) 15.5
British Columbia	66,075	39,071	(-) 40.9	83,054	42,700	(-) 48.6

III - CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER AND FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA; BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO FEBRUARY, 1939 AND 1940.

Province	JANUARY TO FEBRUARY					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1939	1940	% Change	1939	1940	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	18,289,424	19,610,271	(+) 7.2	2,633,526	3,473,474	(+) 31.9
Prince Edward Island	164,243	122,869	(-) 25.2	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	655,646	728,887	(+) 11.2	-	-	-
New Brunswick	175,067	179,921	(+) 2.8	-	-	-
Quebec	1,903,922	1,864,503	(-) 2.1	274,574	389,271	(+) 41.8
Ontario	8,664,431	9,048,412	(+) 4.4	1,556,993	2,280,865	(+) 46.5
Manitoba	2,077,264	2,299,115	(+) 10.7	331,567	486,857	(+) 46.8
Saskatchewan	1,319,119	1,992,339	(+) 51.0	1,215	790	(-) 35.0
Alberta	2,337,006	2,617,976	(+) 12.0	320,048	233,920	(-) 26.9
British Columbia	992,726	756,249	(-) 23.8	149,129	81,771	(-) 45.2

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA.

(February, 1940)

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in February increased approximately 8 per cent as compared with the February make of 1939 and decreased 12 per cent, as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of February 9.2 million pounds of butter were produced and during the two months ending February, the output reached a total of 19.6 million pounds. The increase in the February make occurred in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia.

CHEESE PRODUCTION increased approximately 49 per cent in February as compared with February, 1939, and decreased 3 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The February make was approximately 1.8 million pounds and the total for the two months, January and February, amounted to 3.5 million pounds. There was no cheese produced in the Maritime Provinces in February; of the remaining provinces, all contributed to the increase except Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of January registered an increase of approximately 38 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 12 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During January 7.6 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products and 2.3 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products were manufactured in Canada, making a total of 9.9 million pounds, as compared with 7.2 million pounds produced in January, 1939.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, averaged 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents a pound, compared with 22 $\frac{3}{8}$ cents in February, 1939. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 19 $\frac{1}{8}$ cents in February compared with 12 $\frac{1}{8}$ cents in February 1939.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of February represented the equivalent of 234.3 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 22.5 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 91.6 per cent and cheese represented 8.4 per cent of the total.

Exports of Butter in February amounted to 77,200 pounds as compared with 93,700 pounds last month and 2,420,000 pounds in February, 1939.

Exports of Cheese in February reached a total of 3,951,900 pounds as against 1,966,400 pounds last month and 894,500 pounds in February a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of January amounted to 18.7 million pounds, representing an increase of 3.4 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 7.0 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 33.1 million pounds at February 1, 1940, and exports and imports amounting to 93,700 pounds and 80 pounds respectively.



REVIEW OF THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

February was a rather mild month with light snowfall in the East but heavy snowfall on the Prairies. The Maritimes received slightly less than the normal quantity of snow at this time of the year, but the weather was particularly bright and sunny, and temperatures ranged somewhat above normal. Favourable weather conditions were reported from points in Quebec and Ontario. The weather was inclined to be cloudy but the snowfall was lighter than usual. At Ottawa the snowfall was 17 inches compared with a normal of 20 inches, while at Harrow in south-western Ontario the total precipitation was 13 inches as against 8 inches a year ago. High temperatures were reported in Manitoba and many other parts of the West; there was also a good deal of sunshine and heavy snowfall. The snowfall at Morden amounted to 18 1/4 inches as compared with the normal of 8 1/2 inches. Heavy falls of snow were also reported from Northern Saskatchewan, although in southern sections of the province there seemed to be a little less snow in February, 1940, than in February, 1939.

Feed supplies appear to be holding out well. Home-grown feeds are being used more liberally, but since feed costs continue at a higher level, concentrates are not being purchased in as large quantities as a year ago. There is a shortage of roots in the Eastern Provinces, but with a few exceptions the shortage is probably not any more pronounced than in other seasons. Ontario farmers are well supplied with grain, and an abundance of silage promises to be a saving factor in the situation. There is no feed shortage reported from the West, and the continuation of mild weather has aided dairymen both in meeting the feed problem and in permitting them to deliver dairy products to factories and local markets with reasonable regularity.

Milk production during the past month registered a substantial gain over the same month of the previous year. This tendency to turn toward winter dairying has been influenced, of course, by the maintenance of butter prices at practically the September level, and, by the sharp upward turn in cheese prices during the past three months. Farmers are milking more cows than they were a year ago, but the percentage relationship to total numbers is still a little below that recorded in the previous year. There is a keen demand for milch cows, but regardless of favourable prices fewer cows are being sold to outside buyers. Reports from dairy factories indicate that 1,052 creameries were in operation in the month of February as compared with 1,072 a year ago, while approximately 200 cheese factories were engaged in cheese production in February, 1940, as compared with 146 in February, 1939. With cheese now selling at nearly 20 cents a pound, the highest since 1928, it is expected that a large number of seasonal operators will open up for business in March. Since dairy cows have not yet commenced to freshen, it is not likely that the production situation in March will show a decisive change from that of the previous month. It is evident, however, that the March milk supply will exceed the farm output for the same month of the previous year; also that cheese factories will receive a greater share of the farmers' patronage than that revealed during the month covered by this report.