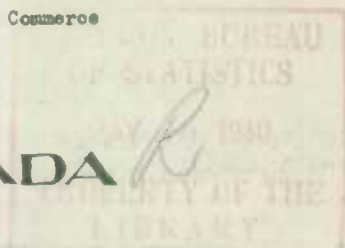


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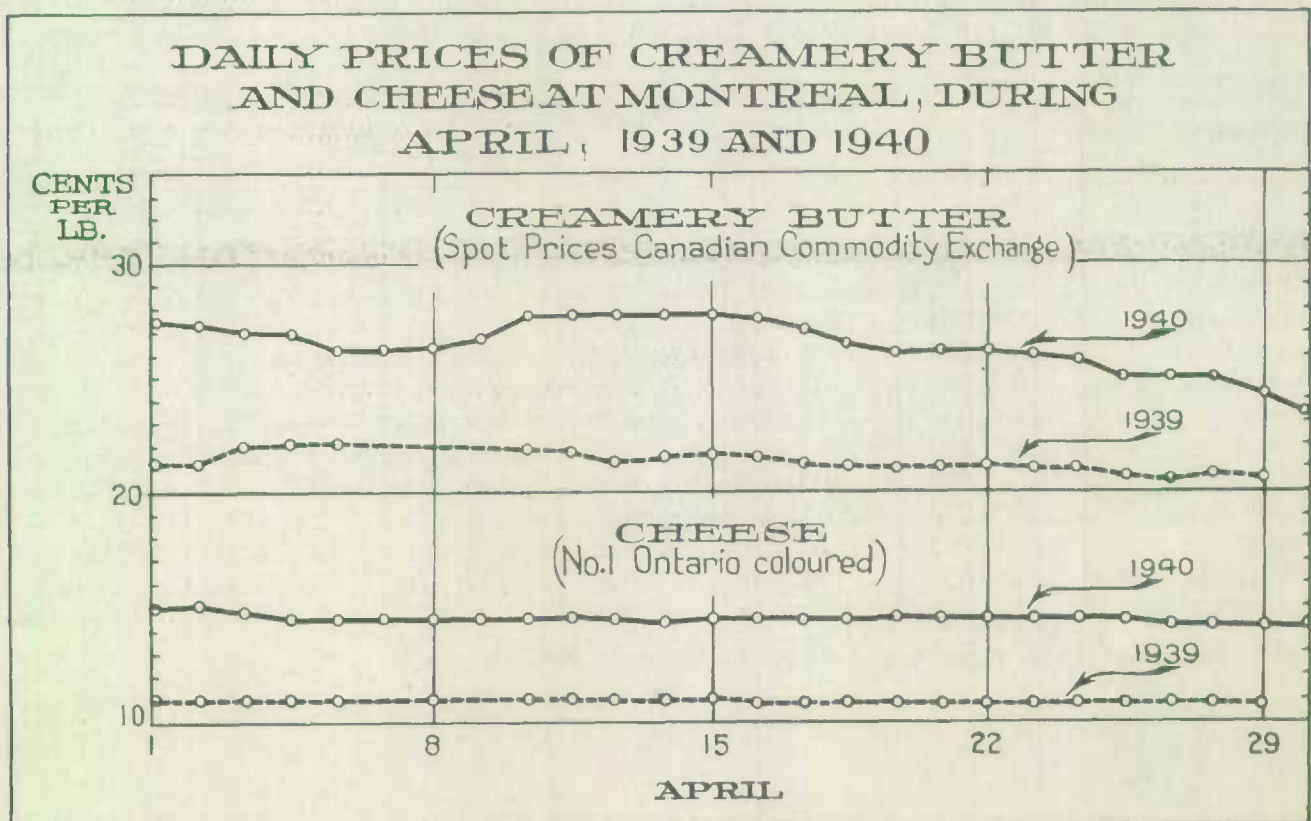
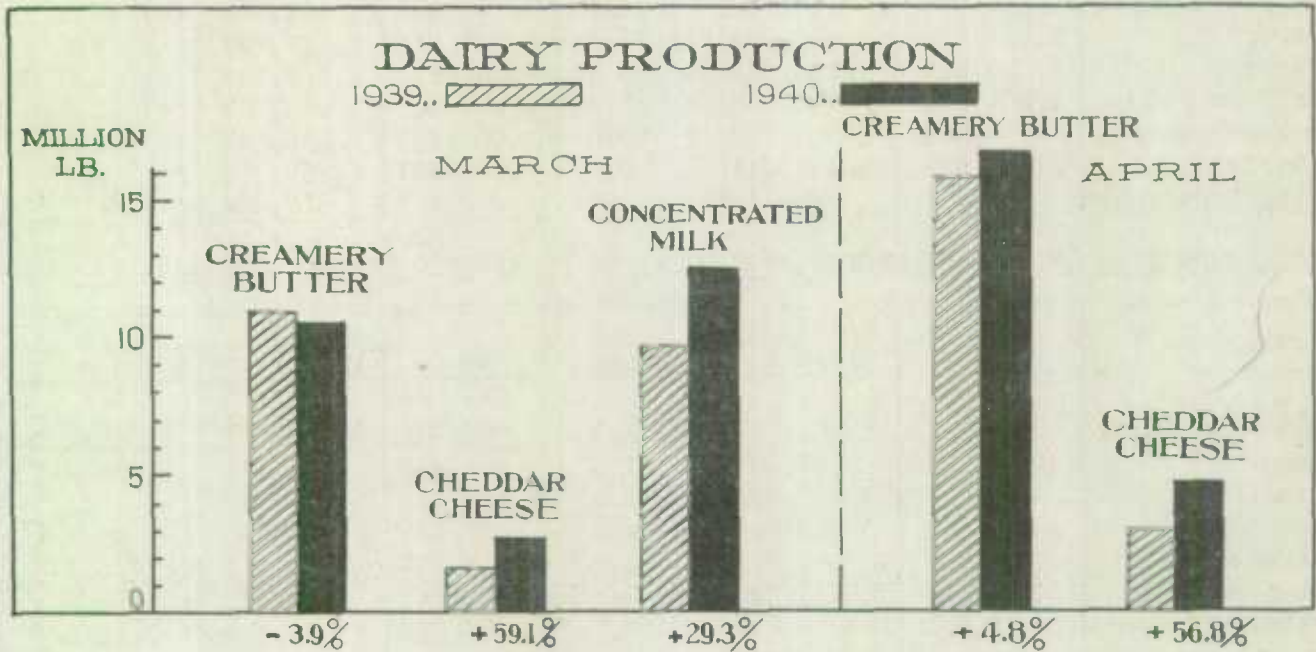
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I - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, APRIL, 1939 and 1940.

Province	MARCH			APRIL		
	1939	1940x	% Change	1939	1940 +	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	10,942,614	10,517,650	(-) 3.9	15,894,372	16,663,141	(+) 4.8
Prince Edward Island	61,363	61,017	(-) 0.6	68,188	68,031	(-) 0.2
Nova Scotia	334,254	340,249	(+) 1.8	343,657	372,366	(+) 8.4
New Brunswick	115,913	102,332	(-) 11.7	173,208	166,054	(-) 4.1
Quebec	1,231,910	846,954	(-) 31.3	3,948,214	3,728,727	(-) 5.6
Ontario	5,290,181	4,833,857	(-) 8.6	6,565,715	6,737,559	(+) 2.6
Manitoba	1,301,903	1,316,905	(+) 1.2	1,591,361	1,680,704	(+) 5.6
Saskatchewan	773,469	1,160,482	(+) 50.0	1,025,383	1,545,640	(+) 50.7
Alberta	1,325,680	1,456,444	(+) 9.9	1,679,477	1,751,436	(+) 4.3
British Columbia	507,941	399,410	(-) 21.4	499,169	612,624	(+) 22.7

II - PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, APRIL, 1939 and 1940.

Province	MARCH			APRIL		
	1939	1940 x	% Change	1939	1940 +	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	1,689,641	2,687,736	(+) 59.1	3,042,578	4,770,934	(+) 56.8
Quebec	97,774	157,887	(+) 61.5	261,605	353,658	(+) 35.2
Ontario	1,080,630	1,900,906	(+) 75.9	2,233,763	3,718,807	(+) 66.5
Manitoba	243,790	400,765	(+) 64.4	272,670	454,966	(+) 66.9
Saskatchewan	2,398	1,805	(-) 24.7	3,670	3,863	(+) 5.3
Alberta	172,086	171,320	(-) 0.5	182,843	163,525	(-) 10.6
British Columbia	92,963	55,053	(-) 40.8	88,027	76,115	(-) 13.5

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

Province	JANUARY TO APRIL					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1939	1940	% Change	1939	1940	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	45,126,410	46,783,095	(+) 3.7	7,365,745	10,778,442	(+) 46.3
Prince Edward Island	293,794	252,545	(-) 14.0	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1,333,557	1,438,079	(+) 7.8	-	-	-
New Brunswick	464,188	449,197	(-) 3.2	-	-	-
Quebec	7,084,046	6,438,804	(-) 9.1	633,953	894,922	(+) 41.2
Ontario	20,520,327	20,587,256	(+) 0.3	4,871,386	7,743,502	(+) 59.0
Manitoba	4,970,528	5,300,519	(+) 6.6	848,027	1,347,151	(+) 58.9
Saskatchewan	3,117,971	4,697,990	(+) 50.7	7,283	6,458	(-) 11.3
Alberta	5,342,163	5,824,720	(+) 9.0	674,977	570,405	(-) 15.5
British Columbia	1,999,836	1,793,985	(-) 10.3	330,119	216,004	(-) 34.6

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA
(April, 1940)

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in April increased approximately 5 per cent as compared with the April make of 1939 and increased 58 per cent, as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of April 16.7 million pounds of butter were produced and during the four months ending April, the output reached a total of 46.8 million pounds. The increase in the April make occurred in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec.

CHEESE PRODUCTION increased approximately 57 per cent in April as compared with April, 1939, and increased 77 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The April make was approximately 4.8 million pounds and the total for the four months, January to April, amounted to 10.8 million pounds. There was no cheese produced in the Maritime Provinces in April; of the remaining provinces, all contributed to the increase except Alberta and British Columbia.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of March registered an increase of approximately 29 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 34 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During March 9.9 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 2.6 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By Products. During the three months January to March 24.8 million pounds of the former and 6.8 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 12.5 million pounds for March and 31.6 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 $26\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound, compared with $21\frac{1}{2}$ cents in April, 1939. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged $14\frac{1}{2}$ cents in April compared with $10\frac{7}{8}$ cents in April, 1939.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of April represented the equivalent of 443.5 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 37.4 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 88.0 per cent and cheese represented 12.0 per cent of the total.

Exports of Butter in April amounted to 87,700 pounds as compared with 35,400 pounds last month and 633,100 pounds in April, 1939.

Exports of Cheese in April reached a total of 2,293,400 pounds as against 5,103,700 pounds last month and 376,600 pounds in April a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of March amounted to 19.5 million pounds, representing an increase of 2.5 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 2.4 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 14.1 million pounds at April 1, 1940, and exports and imports amounting to 35,400 pounds and 298 pounds respectively.



Review of the Production Situation

April was a cool backward month with cloudy weather and rather heavy precipitation, much of which came in the form of snow. The Maritime Provinces seem to have received the largest share of moisture, ranging from 2.89 inches at Kentville to 3.53 inches at Fredericton. On the whole the precipitation was slightly above normal. The central Provinces also received a good deal of snow and some rain, but the total was slightly below normal. In many areas the moisture was needed to make up for the light snowfall during the winter. With the exception of northern sections, the soil is inclined to be dry and the water level still remains unusually low for this season. Manitoba and the Prairie West received some snow late in March and quite a heavy snowfall was recorded early in April. The northern sections of the Prairie seem to have received the least moisture this spring. Rainfall was heavy in southern areas and was quite badly needed to offset the light snowfall during the winter months. Weather conditions in British Columbia are exceptionally favourable, and the rainfall is adequate.

The growth was slow this spring and pastures made little headway until late in April. Seeding was postponed in the eastern Provinces until late in the month, but in the Prairie Provinces farmers have already drilled in a good percentage of the grain crop, particularly in the northern parts. Pastures were slow to start in the Prairie regions, but are improving rapidly. Quite a satisfactory growth is reported from the foothill districts of Alberta, and also from British Columbia.

Milch cows are leaving winter quarters in good flesh this season, and if pasture growth is satisfactory cows will come into full production as early as in previous years. As a result of young stock being introduced into the herds, the numbers of cows would seem to have increased slightly since December 1, although the percentage milking in March as compared to the same month of the previous year was only 66.4 as compared with 67.5 per cent. Milk production per farm was approximately the same in March, 1940 as that recorded in March, 1939, and this also applies to the milk production per cow. This situation was due, of course, to a large percentage of dry cows in the herds of dairy correspondents. Based on those actually milking, the average production per cow was 18.2 pounds per day in March, 1940, as compared to 17.6 pounds in March, 1939.

Despite the recent decline in cheese prices, patrons of cheese factories are still benefitting from a spread of nearly four cents over the prices paid in the previous year; and compared with butterfat, milk for cheese making offers definite price advantages. There were 217 cheese factories in operation in March as against 145 in the same month a year ago, and 996 creameries as against 1,027 in the same month of 1939. Four new factories are under construction in Manitoba. There is no indication of any advance in milk production in May over that of the same month of the previous year, but declining butter prices promise to divert still larger quantities to the manufacture of cheese.