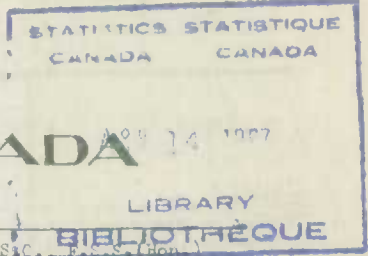


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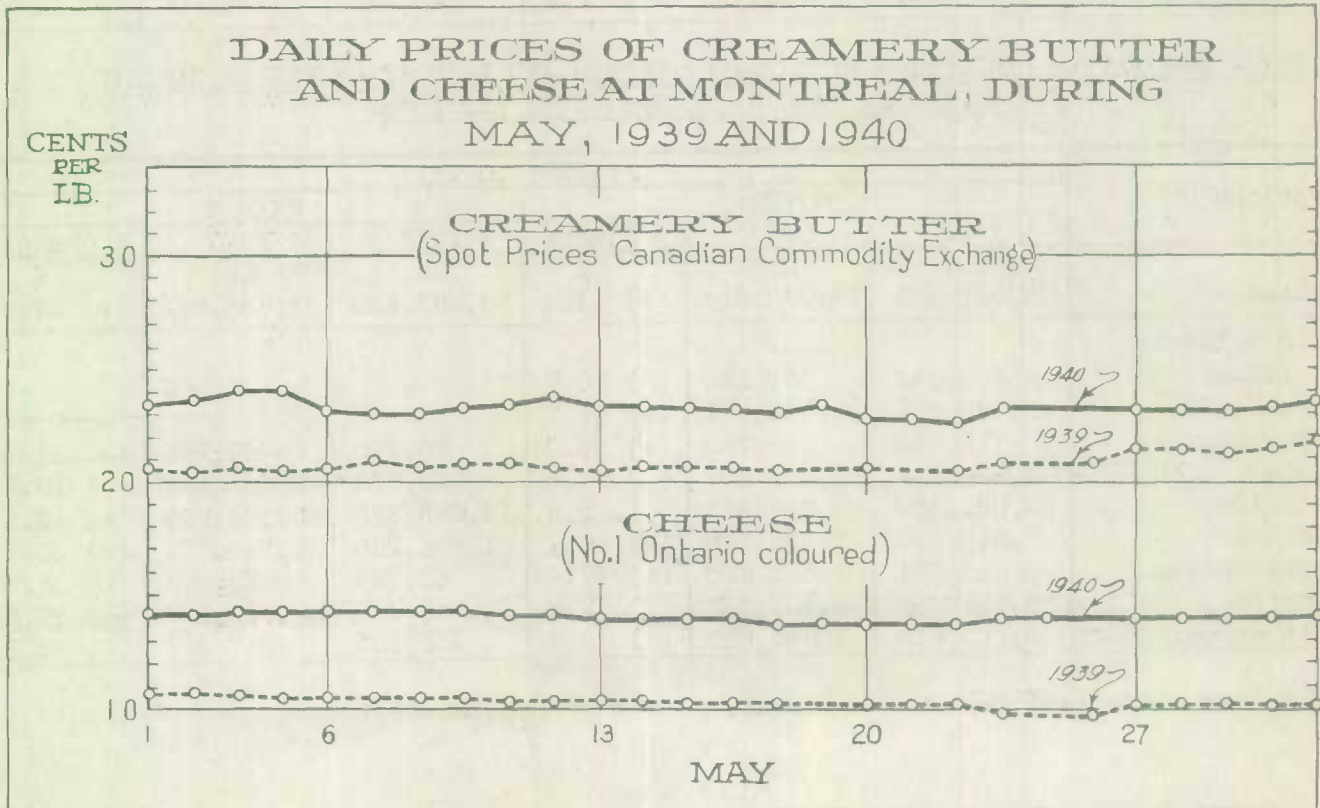
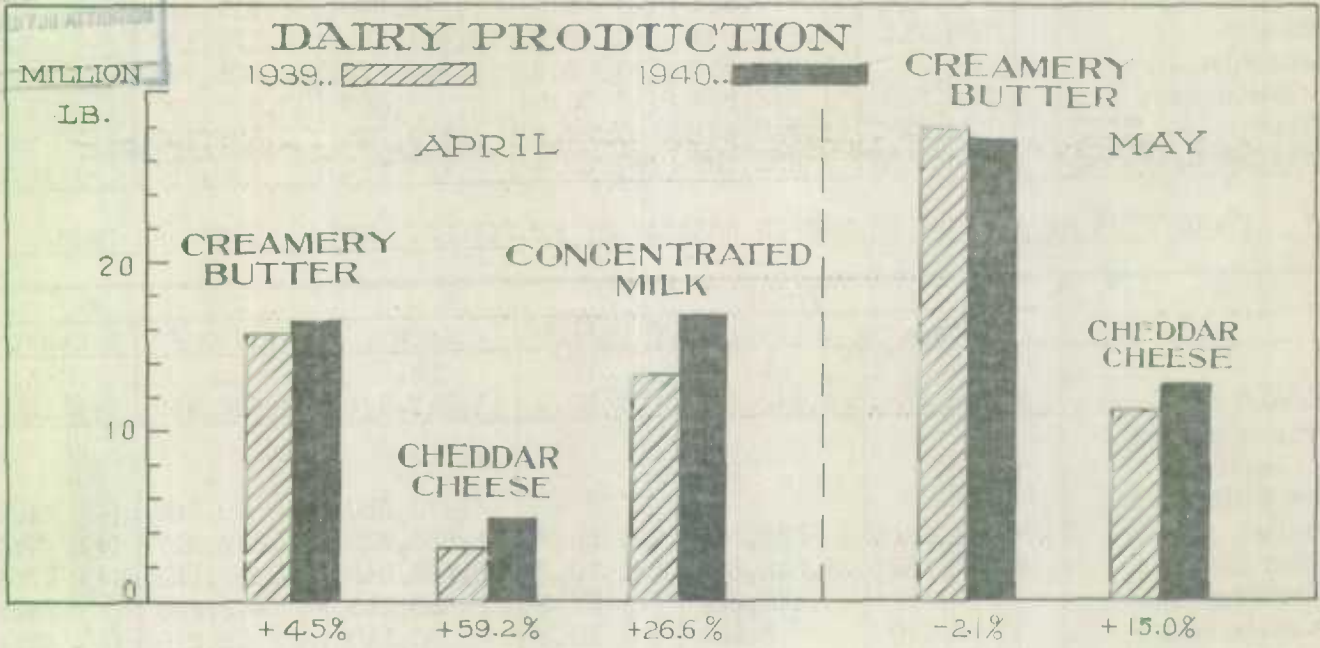
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I - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, MAY, 1939 and 1940.

Province	APRIL			MAY		
	1939	1940x	% Change	1939	1940 /	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	15,894,372	16,602,161	(+) 4.5	27,827,443	27,248,699	(-) 2.1
Prince Edward Island	68,188	69,157	(+) 1.4	111,048	107,689	(-) 3.0
Nova Scotia	343,657	377,026	(+) 9.7	453,320	570,933	(+) 25.9
New Brunswick	173,208	165,184	(-) 4.6	309,437	348,462	(+) 12.6
Quebec	3,948,214	3,760,411	(-) 4.8	7,942,248	7,911,319	(-) 0.4
Ontario	6,565,715	6,694,624	(+) 2.0	9,401,161	9,126,190	(-) 2.9
Manitoba	1,591,361	1,647,503	(+) 3.5	2,909,572	2,605,741	(-) 10.4
Saskatchewan	1,025,383	1,543,948	(+) 50.6	2,797,600	2,839,397	(+) 1.5
Alberta	1,679,477	1,740,841	(+) 3.7	3,179,283	2,893,103	(-) 9.0
British Columbia	499,169	603,467	(+) 20.9	723,774	845,865	(+) 16.9

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

Province	APRIL			MAY		
	1939	1940x	% Change	1939	1940 /	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	3,042,578	4,845,111	(+) 59.2	11,217,875	12,902,933	(+) 15.0
Prince Edward Island	-	980	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	70,330	60,266	(-) 14.3
Quebec	261,605	365,585	(+) 39.7	1,536,325	1,687,417	(+) 9.8
Ontario	2,233,763	3,802,692	(+) 70.2	8,793,946	10,337,521	(+) 17.6
Manitoba	272,670	428,921	(+) 57.3	380,259	473,268	(+) 24.5
Saskatchewan	3,670	3,293	(-) 10.3	40,110	23,219	(-) 42.1
Alberta	182,843	162,910	(-) 10.9	273,121	224,534	(-) 17.8
British Columbia	88,027	80,730	(-) 8.3	123,784	96,708	(-) 21.9

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

Province	JANUARY TO MAY					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1939	1940	% Change	1939	1940	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	72,953,853	73,970,814	(+) 1.4	18,583,620	23,755,552	(+) 27.8
Prince Edward Island	404,842	361,360	(-) 10.7	-	980	-
Nova Scotia	1,786,877	2,013,672	(+) 12.7	-	-	-
New Brunswick	773,625	796,789	(+) 3.0	70,330	60,266	(-) 14.3
Quebec	15,026,294	14,381,807	(-) 4.3	2,170,278	2,594,266	(+) 19.5
Ontario	29,921,488	29,670,511	(-) 0.8	13,665,332	18,164,908	(+) 32.9
Manitoba	7,880,100	7,873,059	(-) 0.1	1,228,286	1,794,374	(+) 46.1
Saskatchewan	5,915,571	7,535,695	(+) 27.4	47,393	29,107	(-) 38.6
Alberta	8,521,446	8,707,228	(+) 2.2	948,098	794,324	(-) 16.2
British Columbia	2,723,610	2,630,693	(-) 3.4	453,903	317,327	(-) 30.1

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

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in May decreased approximately 2 per cent as compared with the May make of 1939 and increased 64 per cent, as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of May 27.2 million pounds of butter were produced and during the five months ending May, the output reached a total of 74.0 million pounds. The decrease in the May make occurred in all provinces except Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

CHEESE PRODUCTION increased approximately 15 per cent in May as compared with May, 1939, and increased 8.1 million pounds as compared with the output for the preceding month. The May make was approximately 12.9 million pounds and the total for the five months, January to May, amounted to 23.8 million pounds. The increase in the May make occurred in all provinces except New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of April registered an increase of approximately 27 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 35 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During April 13.4 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 3.4 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By Products. During the four months January to April 38.2 million pounds of the former and 10.3 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 16.8 million pounds for April and 48.5 million pounds for the four months ending April.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, averaged 23 1/4 cents a pound, compared with 20 7/8 cents in May, 1939. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 14 cents in May compared with 10 1/4 cents in May, 1939.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of May represented the equivalent of 782.4 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 5.3 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 81.5 per cent and cheese represented 18.5 per cent of the total.

Exports of Butter in May amounted to 51,700 pounds as compared with 87,700 pounds last month and 1,036,500 pounds in May, 1939.

Exports of Cheese in May reached a total of 1,183,000 pounds as against 2,293,400 pounds last month and 5,448,500 pounds in May a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of April amounted to 20.1 million pounds, representing an increase of 8.8 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 2.8 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 10.5 million pounds at May 1, 1940, and exports and imports amounting to 87,700 pounds and 35 pounds respectively.



### THE PRODUCTION SITUATION

Seasonable spring weather with intermittent showers produced a splendid pasture growth in the Eastern Provinces during the month of May. There was a shortage of moisture in many parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, although Alberta received ample supplies of rain, and the weather conditions in British Columbia were exceptionally satisfactory.

Rainfall was above normal in the Eastern Provinces, Alberta and British Columbia, but Manitoba and Saskatchewan received less than the normal supply. The moisture deficiency in these two provinces was particularly pronounced in northern sections. Soil drifting was reported from some of the affected areas. At the end of May pasture conditions for the Dominion as a whole were rated at 98 per cent of the long-time average, as against 92 per cent in the same month last year. The pastures reported in the Eastern Provinces at the end of May were the best in four years; those in Alberta exceeded all previous records at that date since 1932, while in British Columbia the figure shown at the end of May exceeded corresponding data for all years since 1928. Manitoba pastures, on the other hand, were the poorest since 1934, and those in Saskatchewan were the poorest since 1937.

Dairy cows responded well to improved pasture conditions and although the late spring delayed seeding operations on many farms, the conditions were exceptionally favourable for dairying. Compared with the same month last year the numbers of cows on farms in the month of April as reported by Dairy Correspondents, were almost the same, but the percentage actually milking declined about one per cent. The production of milk per cow improved slightly, approximately enough to offset the reduction in the numbers of milking cows in the herds. Consequently, there was virtually no change in the production of milk in the month of April as compared with April in the preceding year. The diversion of milk from creameries to cheese factories referred to in the April report, continued to be a prominent feature of the situation in the month of May. Hence, butter production declined and cheese production showed a significant advance. The quantity of milk used for cheese making during the month of May in comparison with the amount used in the same month of the preceding year recorded an increase of nearly 19 million pounds, while the amount used for butter making declined over 13 million pounds.

The number of cheese factories in operation at the end of April was 418 compared with 319 at the same date a year ago, and the number of operating creameries fell from 1,282 to 1,244. The arrangements made recently with the British Government for the shipment of 78 million pounds of cheese to the Old Country during the current year promises to stabilize the industry. The outlook for June would seem to indicate that the cheese production will be established on a new level, while the butter output may be expected to show a substantial reduction from the same month of the preceding year.