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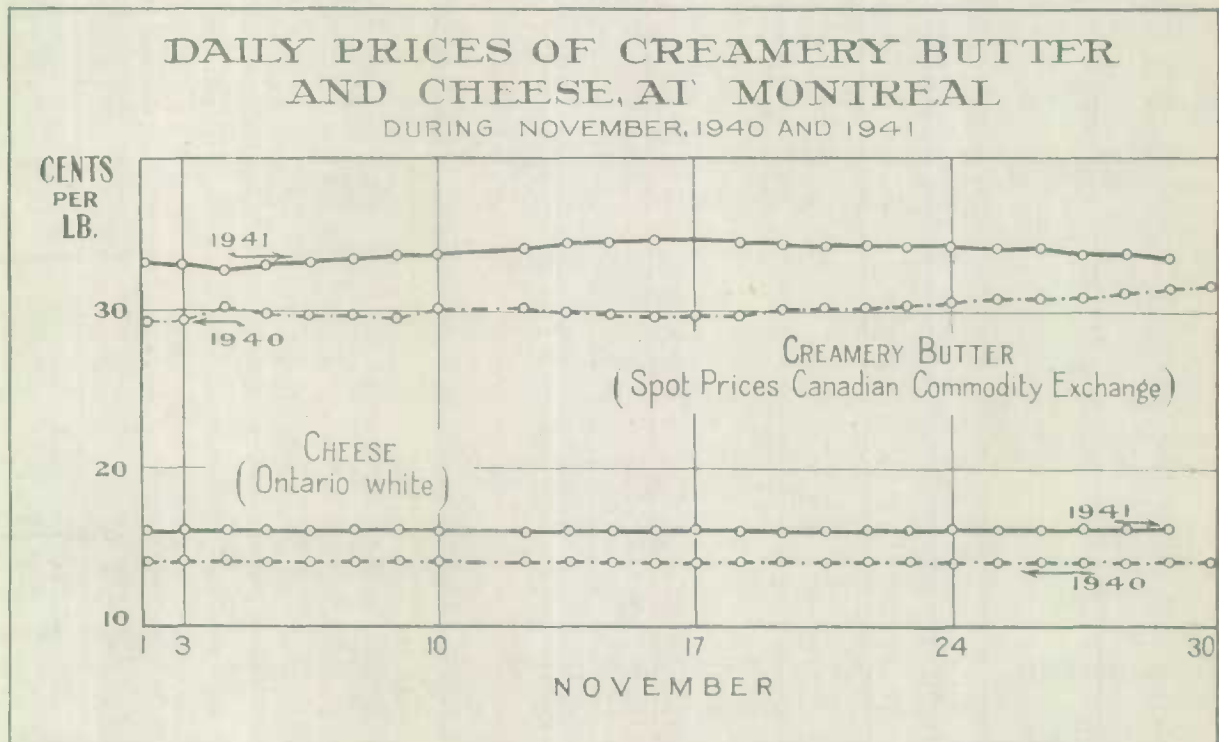
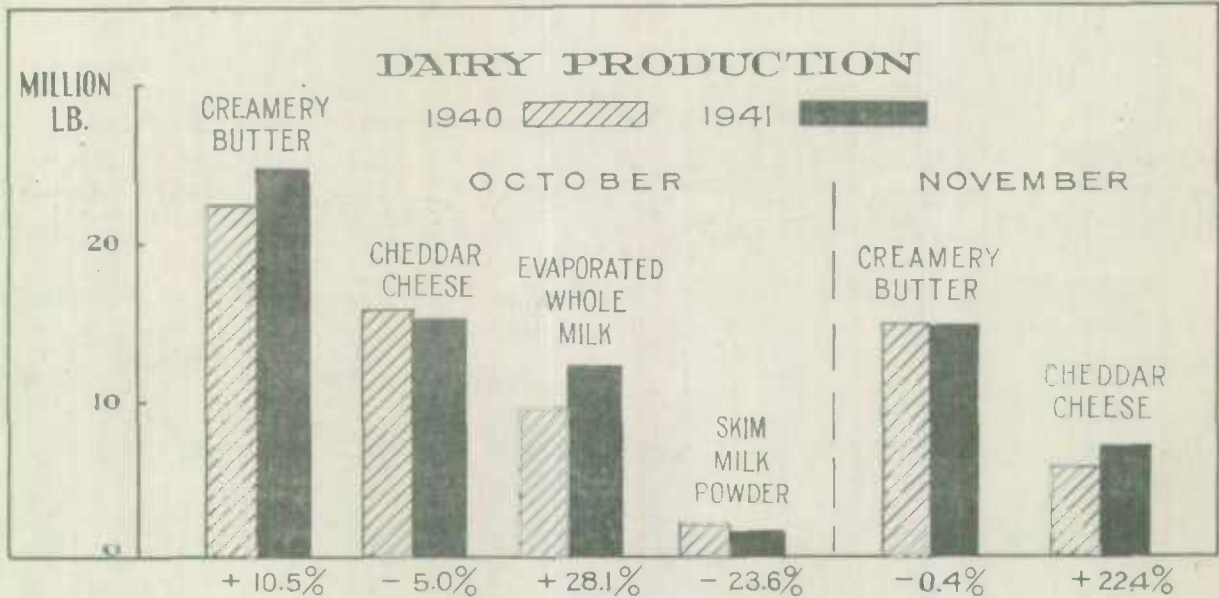
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**I - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, NOVEMBER, 1940 AND 1941.**

Province	OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	1940 Lb.	1941 x Lb.	% Change %	1940 Lb.	1941 / Lb.	% Change %
CANADA	22,584,330	24,363,644	(+) 10.5	15,048,984	14,985,123	(-) 0.4
Prince Edward Island	170,770	266,327	(+) 56.0	106,560	155,490	(+) 45.9
Nova Scotia	397,643	515,340	(+) 29.6	317,905	348,112	(+) 9.5
New Brunswick	245,515	362,741	(+) 47.7	126,212	154,504	(+) 22.4
Quebec	7,464,921	8,032,915	(+) 7.6	4,576,807	4,038,294	(-) 11.8
Ontario	7,266,618	7,205,662	(-) 0.8	5,085,900	4,876,094	(-) 4.1
Manitoba	2,286,772	2,539,901	(+) 11.1	1,445,979	1,489,734	(+) 3.0
Saskatchewan	2,236,707	3,017,663	(+) 34.9	1,417,824	1,778,669	(+) 25.5
Alberta	2,051,337	2,637,237	(+) 28.6	1,580,318	1,831,571	(+) 15.9
British Columbia	464,047	385,858	(-) 16.8	391,479	312,655	(-) 20.1

**II - PRODUCTION OF CHEDDAR CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, NOVEMBER, 1940 AND 1941.**

Province	OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	1940 Lb.	1941 x Lb.	% Change %	1940 Lb.	1941 / Lb.	% Change %
CANADA	15,983,749	15,184,804	(-) 5.0	5,907,729	7,228,846	(+) 22.4
Prince Edward Island	83,612	99,691	(+) 19.2	9,699	13,872	(+) 43.0
New Brunswick	47,677	101,857	(+) 113.6	-	42,965	-
Quebec	4,458,862	3,399,078	(-) 23.8	935,379	1,335,484	(+) 42.8
Ontario	10,712,686	10,872,633	(+) 1.5	4,565,548	5,280,685	(+) 15.7
Manitoba	366,932	311,672	(-) 15.1	188,894	229,552	(+) 21.5
Saskatchewan	33,309	47,467	(+) 42.5	8,249	17,559	(+) 112.9
Alberta	230,580	292,088	(+) 26.7	152,602	250,529	(+) 64.2
British Columbia	50,091	60,318	(+) 20.4	47,358	58,200	(+) 22.9

**III - CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER AND CHEDDAR CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO NOVEMBER, 1940 AND 1941.**

Province	JANUARY TO NOVEMBER					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1940 Lb.	1941 Lb.	% Change %	1940 Lb.	1941 Lb.	% Change %
CANADA	251,844,737	273,507,255	(+) 8.6	140,307,731	141,118,934	(+) 0.6
Prince Edward Island	1,897,915	2,521,467	(+) 32.9	681,134	653,211	(-) 4.1
Nova Scotia	5,541,271	6,170,359	(+) 11.4	-	-	-
New Brunswick	3,829,330	4,433,722	(+) 15.8	627,814	649,663	(+) 3.5
Quebec	70,909,026	74,324,410	(+) 4.8	33,543,929	34,725,171	(+) 3.5
Ontario	82,590,006	81,729,913	(-) 1.0	97,368,366	97,671,930	(+) 0.3
Manitoba	25,950,643	29,605,782	(+) 14.1	4,415,029	3,460,189	(-) 21.6
Saskatchewan	27,019,998	35,502,894	(+) 31.4	400,830	388,578	(-) 3.1
Alberta	28,316,047	33,629,797	(+) 18.8	2,564,340	2,892,163	(+) 12.8
British Columbia	5,790,501	5,588,911	(-) 3.5	706,289	678,029	(-) 4.0

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA

(November, 1941)

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in November decreased approximately one-half of one per cent as compared with the November make of 1940 and decreased 40 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of November 15.0 million pounds of butter were produced and during the eleven months ending November, the output reached a total of 273.5 million pounds. The decrease in the November make occurred only in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

CHEDDAR CHEESE PRODUCTION increased 22 per cent in November as compared with November, 1940, and decreased 52 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The November make was approximately 7.2 million pounds and the total for the eleven months, January to November, amounted to 141.1 million pounds. The increase in the November make occurred in all provinces.

EVAPORATED WHOLE MILK increased approximately 28 per cent as compared with the same month last year and decreased approximately 18 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During the month of October 12.2 million pounds of evaporated whole milk were produced, and during the ten months ending October the output reached a total of 150.0 million pounds. SKIM MILK POWDER. During the month of October 1.6 million pounds of skim milk powder were produced, while during the ten months ending October the output reached a total of 24.0 million pounds. There was a decrease of approximately 24 per cent as compared with the same month last year, and also a decrease of 30 per cent as compared with the preceding month.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, averaged 34 1/4 cents a pound, compared with 30 3/8 cents in November 1940. Ontario white cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 16 cents in November compared with 14 cents in November, 1940.

The combined output of creamery butter and cheddar cheese during the month of November represented the equivalent of 431.8 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 13.3 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 81.2 per cent and cheese represented 16.8 per cent of the total.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of October amounted to 28.3 million pounds, representing a decrease of 3.3 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 7.7 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 65.0 million pounds at November 1, 1941, and exports and imports amounting to 120,200 pounds and 816 pounds, respectively.



### DAIRY PRODUCTION CONDITIONS

November weather conditions were rather variable. Eastern Canada received somewhat more than the usual amount of rainfall, while western Canada experienced slight deficiencies. Temperatures were generally above normal, and in most parts of the Dominion the hours of sunshine exceeded the long time average. Slight increases in rainfall as compared with the normal were recorded in the Maritimes, the lower St. Lawrence Valley, sections of eastern and northern Ontario, and in the coastal regions of British Columbia. Western Ontario had slightly less than the normal precipitation, and on the Prairies the rainfall was inclined to be rather light. At Morden, Manitoba there was little more than half an inch of rain, and at Lacombe, Alberta, no precipitation whatever was recorded during the month.

Conditions were favourable for dairying on account of the mild open weather, thus permitting dairy herds to graze on verdant pastures or benefit from the gleanings of harvest fields. Pastures on the whole will go into winter with a fairly sturdy growth, although in some cases deterioration may result from heavy grazing. Farmers have been doing a good deal of supplementary feeding, but the quantities fed will probably fall below the amounts commonly used at this season. Prices have been a factor in the situation. Oats averaged about 10 and 11 cents a bushel higher at Montreal and Winnipeg; barley registered increases of 14 and 15 cents, and the price of bran was about \$2.00 a ton higher than at the end of November a year ago. Linseed Oil Cake was quoted at \$49.50 as compared with \$37.50 a ton, and gluten feed cost \$34.00 at Toronto as compared with \$22.00 a ton at the same date in 1940.

The numbers of milk cows on farms seem to be reduced from the previous year as shown by the reports of dairy correspondents. The percentage milking also declined, moving from 76.3 per cent in October 1940 to 76.1 per cent in October 1941. Based on the butter and cheese output, the production of milk appears to have increased about 2½ per cent and the production of milk per cow was also up from last year. In October the per cow production advanced from 13.3 to 14.3 pounds per day.

The most outstanding feature of the situation in November was the unusual increase in cheese production. Apparently this increase was made principally at the expense of butter which fell slightly below the output of November a year ago. All provinces recorded gains in cheese production. In Saskatchewan the output was doubled, and in Ontario and Quebec the combined increase over the previous November was approximately one million pounds. The gain in cheese in the two central provinces was accompanied by a reduction in the creamery butter make.

The lifting of restrictions on November 1 to permit the sale of domestic cheese in Canada has opened up a good market for this product. Prices were also an inducement to cheese factory patrons. Maximum cheese prices for Ontario and Quebec were set at 25 cents by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board (basis No. 1 grade f.o.b. factory), while in the western provinces somewhat higher prices based on the maximum prevailing between September 21 and October 11 are now in effect. Reports indicate that cheese is selling well up to the maximum, and when the Dominion and Provincial bonuses are added the gain over the previous year would amount to about 7 cents a pound. Export cheese remains fixed at 16 cents at Montreal (excluding the bonus) and creamery butter solids averaged 34 1/4 cents as compared with 30 3/8 cents in November, 1940.