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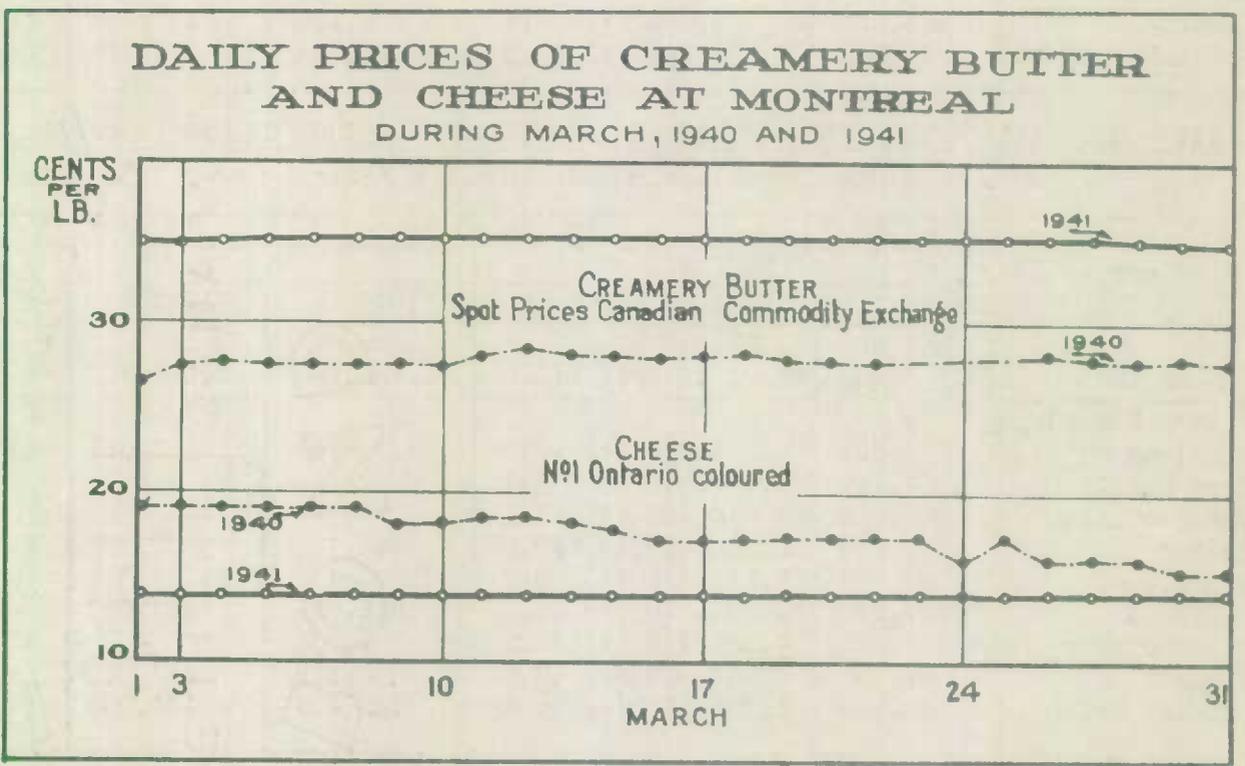
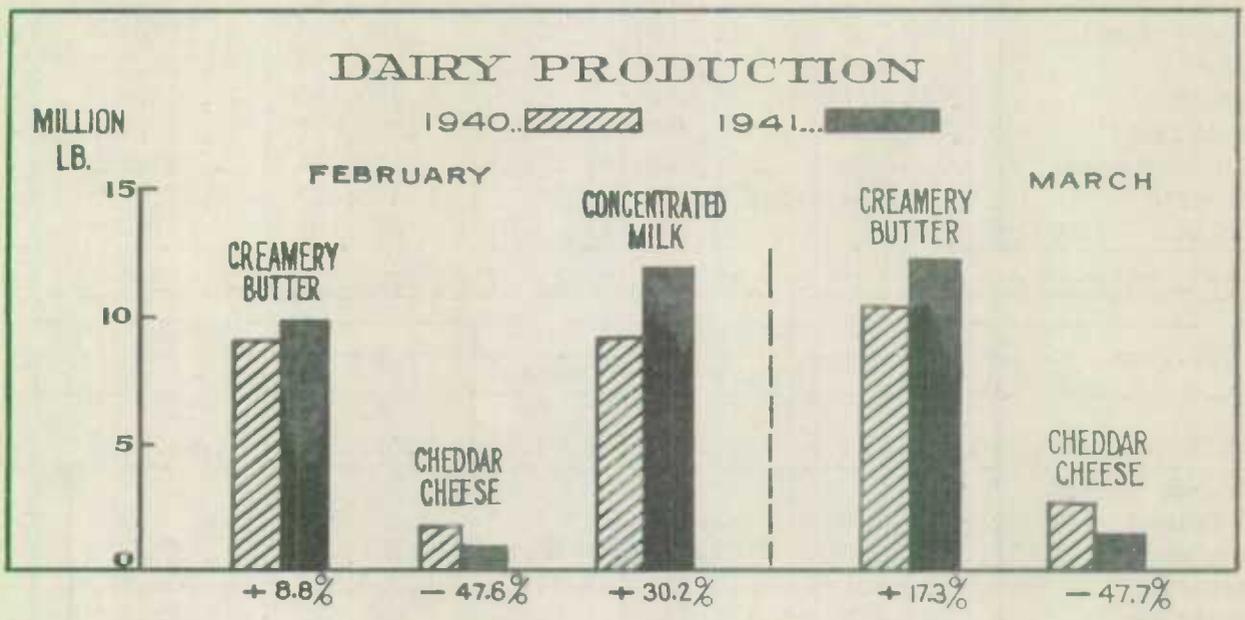
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I - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, MARCH, 1940 AND 1941.

Province	FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	1940	1941 x	% Change	1940	1941 /	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	9,149,420	9,958,973	(+) 8.3	10,523,374	12,343,043	(+) 17.3
Prince Edward Island	58,095	71,374	(+) 23.7	61,117	71,575	(+) 17.1
Nova Scotia	748,323	339,507	(-) 2.5	540,249	359,577	(+) 5.7
New Brunswick	87,510	85,392	(+) 0.5	103,433	114,055	(+) 10.3
Quebec	596,576	719,367	(+) 20.7	349,305	1,054,301	(+) 25.5
Ontario	4,314,511	4,135,923	(-) 2.7	4,370,945	5,006,350	(+) 3.3
Manitoba	1,137,710	1,350,733	(+) 19.1	1,321,701	1,742,323	(+) 31.9
Saskatchewan	934,248	1,335,342	(+) 37.3	1,159,341	1,673,542	(+) 44.7
Alberta	1,236,734	1,470,737	(+) 14.3	1,433,379	1,777,039	(+) 21.2
British Columbia	333,753	330,935	(+) 3.2	402,101	541,357	(+) 34.6

II - PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, MARCH, 1940 AND 1941.

Province	FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	1940	1941 x	% Change	1940	1941 /	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	1,830,374	959,556	(-) 47.3	2,792,130	1,459,397	(-) 47.7
Prince Edward Island	-	1,995	-	750	1,333	(+) -
Quebec	155,371	71,321	(-) 53.9	161,741	77,370	(-) 52.0
Ontario	1,215,439	559,331	(-) 54.1	1,363,906	936,723	(-) 52.4
Manitoba	236,562	138,739	(-) 51.6	432,432	223,447	(-) 48.3
Saskatchewan	560	-	-	2,411	-	-
Alberta	123,827	174,395	(+) 6.4	171,320	132,423	(-) 5.2
British Columbia	45,735	52,745	(+) 15.3	57,564	57,828	(+) 0.5

III - CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER AND FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO MARCH, 1940 AND 1941.

Province	JANUARY TO MARCH					
	BUTTER			CHEESE		
	1940	1941	% Change	1940	1941	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	30,125,333	34,932,330	(+) 13.0	6,430,193	3,523,790	(-) 45.1
Prince Edward Island	134,353	221,636	(+) 20.0	750	7,031	(+) -
Nova Scotia	1,064,147	1,079,123	(+) 1.4	-	-	-
New Brunswick	235,354	238,432	(+) 1.1	-	-	-
Quebec	2,710,224	3,252,410	(+) 20.0	543,736	307,370	(-) 43.4
Ontario	13,332,979	13,933,462	(+) 0.3	4,395,432	2,126,212	(-) 51.6
Manitoba	3,537,272	4,504,619	(+) 25.6	935,725	433,313	(-) 47.3
Saskatchewan	3,152,349	4,522,442	(+) 43.5	3,201	-	-
Alberta	4,087,395	4,347,093	(+) 13.6	403,329	433,560	(+) 7.3
British Columbia	1,170,710	1,323,170	(+) 13.4	142,400	130,096	(+) 12.4

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA
(March, 1941)

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in March increased approximately 17 per cent as compared with the March make of 1940 and increased 24 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of March 12.3 million pounds of butter were produced and during the three months ending March, the output reached a total of 34.0 million pounds. The increase in the March make occurred in all provinces.

CHEESE PRODUCTION decreased approximately 48 per cent in March as compared with March, 1940, and increased 52 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. The March make was approximately 1.5 million pounds and the total for the three months, January to March, amounted to 3.5 million pounds. There was no cheese produced in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan in March; of the remaining provinces, all contributed to the decrease except Prince Edward Island and British Columbia.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of February registered an increase of approximately 30 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 4 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During February 10.1 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 2.0 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-products. During the two months January and February 20.2 million pounds of the former and 4.4 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 12.1 million pounds for February and 24.6 million pounds for the two months ending February.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted daily by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, averaged 35 cents a pound, compared with 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents in March, 1940. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 14 cents in March compared with 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents in March, 1940.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of March represented the equivalent of 305.4 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 27.7 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 24.5 per cent and cheese represented 5.4 per cent of the total.

Exports of Butter in March amounted to 93,700 pounds as compared with 74,100 pounds last month and 35,400 pounds in March, 1940.

Exports of Cheese in March reached a total of 494,200 pounds as against 1,106,700 pounds last month and 5,103,700 pounds in March a year ago.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of February amounted to 19.0 million pounds, representing a decrease of 0.2 per cent as compared with the same month last year and an increase of 0.6 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 16.3 million pounds at March 1, 1941, and exports and imports amounting to 74,100 pounds and 53,329 pounds respectively.

DAIRY PRODUCTION CONDITIONSWeather:

Mean temperatures were below normal in Eastern Canada and above normal in Western Canada. The precipitation at Ottawa was 1.71 inches as compared with the long time average of 2.67 inches but due to fairly heavy snowfall, stations in Quebec and the Maritimes received more than average moisture in March. At Indian Head the precipitation amounted to .48 inches as compared with a normal of 1.07 inches, while at Scott, Sask., there was 1.28 inches as compared with the long time average of .62 inches. There was considerable variation in the hours of sunshine. Ottawa had 181.2 hours against a normal of 150.5 hours, while at Scott, Sask., there was only 101.5 hours as compared with the long time average of 157.1 hours.

Feed Prices:

Bran registered an increase of \$1.00 per ton at the end of March at Montreal while at Winnipeg there was a reduction in price of \$2.00 per ton. Oats declined approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per bushel at Montreal and Winnipeg, while barley increased $1\frac{3}{4}$ cents per bushel at Montreal and $1\frac{1}{8}$ cents at Winnipeg. The price of Linseed Oil Cake, 28 per cent, was \$54.00 per ton as compared with \$34.50 on the same date last year and Cotton Seed Meal, 41 per cent, was quoted at \$44.00 per ton as compared with \$46.00 at the end of March, 1940.

Milk Cows:

The numbers of milk cows on the farms of Dairy Correspondents in February showed a slight decrease from last year and the percentage milking also declined from 60.7 per cent in 1940 to 59.9 in 1941.

Milk Production:

The reports from Dairy Correspondents indicated that milk production in February was slightly lower than last year. The production of milk per cow was 21.4 pounds per day; and including those both dry and in milk the average was 12.6 pounds. These figures show a slight increase over the corresponding month of the previous year.