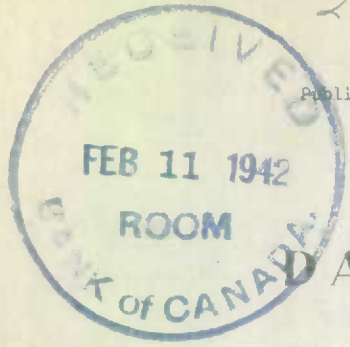


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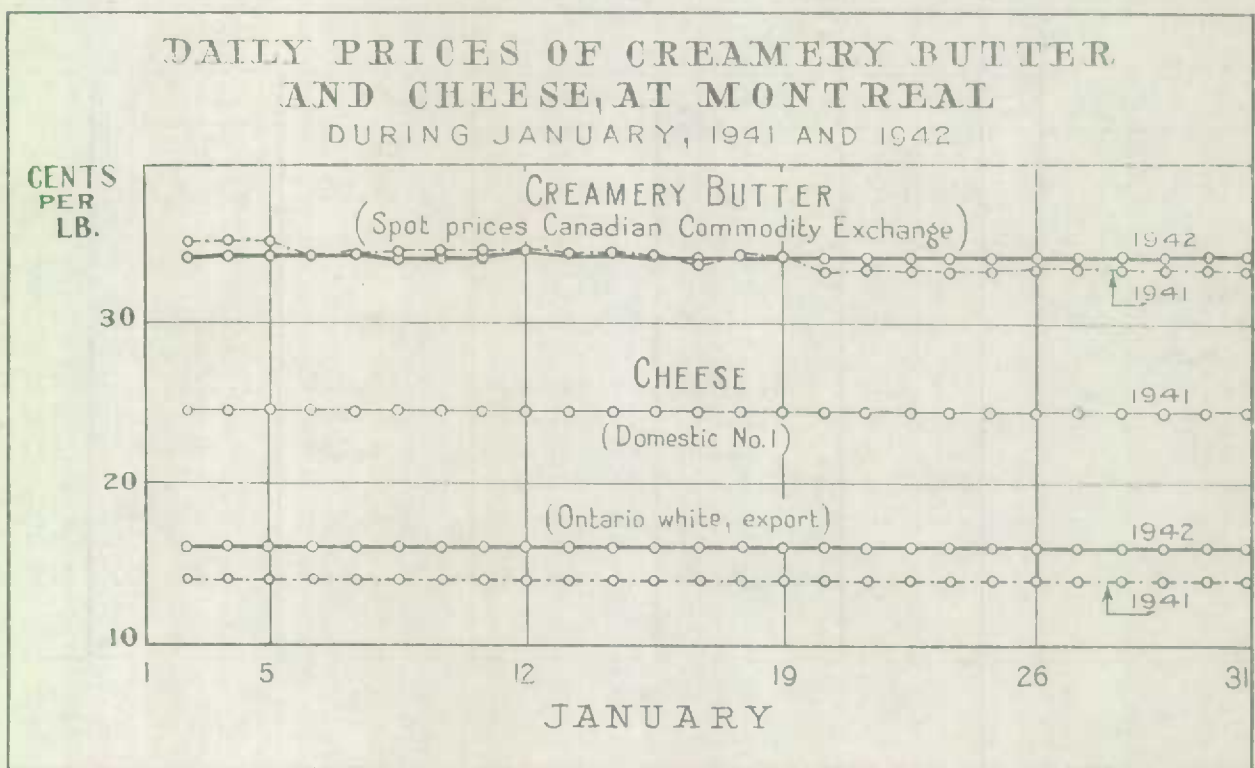
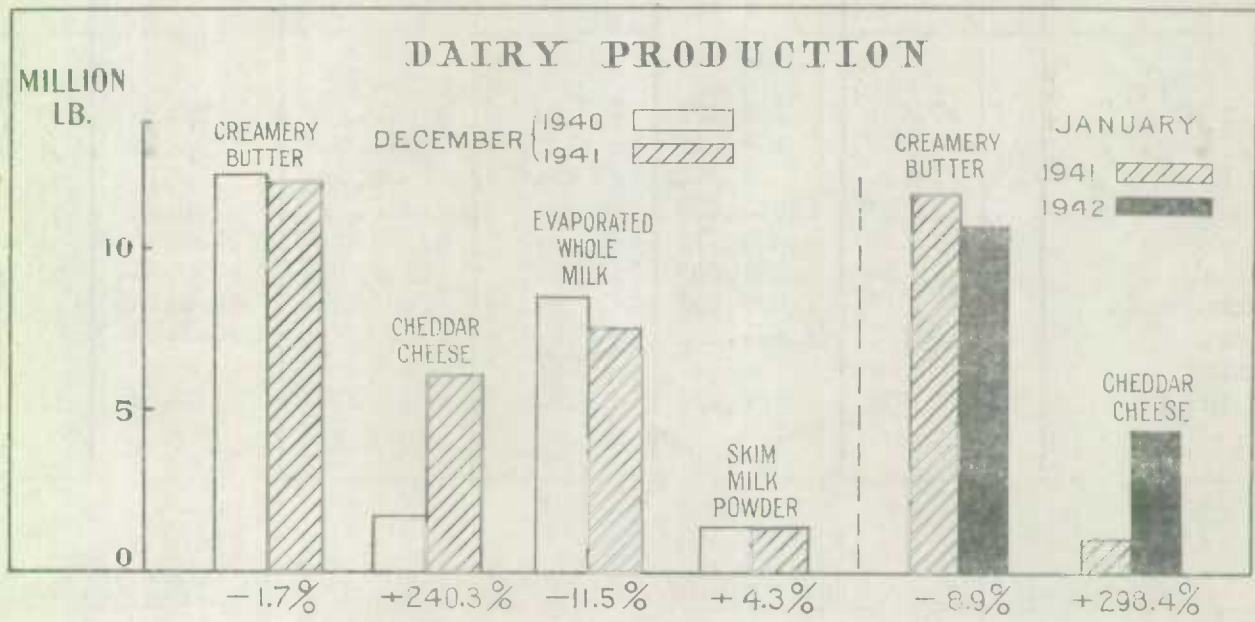
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1 - PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, JANUARY, 1941 and 1942.

Province	DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	1940	1941	% Change	1941	1942	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	12,508,237	12,103,602	(-) 1.7	11,741,564	10,701,597	(-) 3.9
Prince Edward Island	97,433	120,009	(+) 23.2	79,136	97,462	(+) 23.2
Nova Scotia	323,402	365,085	(+) 12.9	379,689	374,332	(-) 1.4
New Brunswick	95,155	114,733	(+) 20.6	90,485	95,102	(+) 5.1
Quebec	2,648,217	1,958,239	(-) 26.8	1,480,112	782,793	(-) 47.1
Ontario	4,646,678	4,474,719	(-) 3.7	4,776,096	4,200,774	(-) 12.0
Manitoba	1,339,038	1,387,387	(+) 3.6	1,416,700	1,380,849	(-) 2.5
Saskatchewan	1,286,813	1,576,085	(+) 22.5	1,483,038	1,654,126	(+) 11.5
Alberta	1,480,473	1,659,661	(+) 12.1	1,608,699	1,648,378	(+) 2.5
British Columbia	390,973	467,154	(+) 19.5	427,609	467,231	(+) 9.3

II - PRODUCTION OF CHEDDAR CHEESE IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, JANUARY, 1941 and 1942.

Province	DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	1940	1941	% Change	1941	1942	% Change
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
CANADA	1,799,325	6,123,317	(+)240.3	1,107,053	4,409,991	(+)298.4
Prince Edward Island	2,365	9,320	(+)235.3	3,200	7,500	(+)134.4
New Brunswick	-	47,766	-	-	47,097	-
Quebec	323,413	1,759,730	(+)444.1	156,377	1,188,785	(+)657.8
Ontario	1,155,533	3,759,077	(+)225.4	631,913	2,595,994	(+)310.8
Manitoba	131,229	238,196	(+) 81.5	124,251	262,892	(+)111.6
Saskatchewan	719	7,517	(+)945.5	-	1,276	-
Alberta	141,513	244,276	(+) 72.3	141,287	246,047	(+) 74.1
British Columbia	44,203	57,085	(+) 29.1	49,525	60,000	(+) 21.5

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA

(January, 1942)

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in January decreased approximately 9 per cent as compared with the January make of 1941 and decreased 12 per cent, as compared with the output for the preceding month. During the month of January 10.7 million pounds of butter were produced as compared with 11.7 million pounds in January, 1941. The decrease in the January make occurred in four provinces - Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.

CHEESE PRODUCTION increased approximately 298 per cent in January as compared with January, 1941, and decreased 28 per cent as compared with the output for the preceding month. In January, 1942, the make was approximately 4.4 million pounds as compared with 1.1 million pounds in January, 1941. The increase in the January make occurred in all provinces.

EVAPORATED WHOLE MILK decreased approximately 12 per cent as compared with the same month last year and decreased approximately 19 per cent as compared with the preceding month. During the month of December 7.6 million pounds of evaporated whole milk were produced, and during the twelve months ending December the output reached a total of 186.9 million pounds. SKIM MILK POWDER. During the month of December 1.5 million pounds of skim milk powder were produced, while during the twelve months ending December the output reached a total of 26.5 million pounds. There was an increase of approximately 4 per cent as compared with the same month last year, and also an increase of 38 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 1-8 cents a pound, compared with 34 cents in January 1941. Ontario white cheese at Montreal based on daily quotations averaged 16 cents in January compared with 14 cents in January, 1941.

The combined output of creamery butter and cheddar cheese during the month of January represented the equivalent of 299.9 million pounds of milk, registering an increase of approximately 12.6 million pounds as compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago. Creamery butter represented 83.5 per cent and cheese represented 16.5 per cent of the total.

The domestic disappearance of butter in the month of December amounted to 22.3 million pounds, representing an increase of 7.8 per cent as compared with the same month last year and a decrease of 12.7 per cent in comparison with the preceding month. This estimate is based on storage and transit stocks amounting to 44.0 million pounds at January 1, 1942, and exports and imports amounting to 107,400 pounds and 76 pounds, respectively.

DAIRY PRODUCTION CONDITIONS

The weather was cold at several points in Eastern Canada during January, but it was exceptionally warm and sunny in the Prairie Provinces. At Lacombe the temperature was the second highest for that month in thirty-four years. In British Columbia the temperatures were generally above those recorded in the same month of the previous year. Rather less than the usual amount of snow fell during the month and as the main roads were kept open in many districts there was very little interference with normal deliveries to factories and local milk plants.

There seems to be a general scarcity of hay, particularly in Eastern Canada. Prices on the Toronto market averaged \$8.00 to \$9.00 a ton higher than those of January 1941. The price of bran continued at about \$2.00 a ton above the level of the previous year; oats advanced to 51 cents at Winnipeg and 62 cents at Montreal, representing increases of about 5 cents over those of the previous month and 20 cents over the same month of the previous year. Barley recorded similar price advances.

Despite increased feed costs, farmers are feeding dairy herds quite liberally and cows are reported to be in good condition. The cow population showed no change from last year on the farms of dairy correspondents, and the percentage of cows being milked was 67 per cent in December 1941 as compared with 68.8 per cent in December 1940. Milk production per cow averaged 17.8 pounds in December a very slight advance over the same month of the preceding year.

An increase of $12\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds in the quantity of milk represented in butter and cheese was due to the spectacular advance in the output of Canadian Cheddar, the total for the Dominion being four times greater than that of January a year ago. Prices continued to be a factor in the cheese situation although the average prices of domestic cheese at Montreal was only $24\frac{1}{2}$ cents as compared with $26\frac{1}{2}$ in the previous month. It is apparent that larger deliveries of milk resulted from a slight increase in production due to the heavier feeding of dairy cows. There was also an increase in the proportion of milk sold off farms, lesser quantities being used for livestock feeding and for consumption in farm homes.