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STATEMENT OF FOOD COMMODITIES IN CANADA, OCTOBER 1, 1917, AS
COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH OF THE SAME YEAR AND
WITH THE SAME MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

The Acting Commissioner of the Minister of Labour re Cost of Living has issued the regular monthly statement as to quantities of food held in cold storage as of October 1, 1917. The term "Cold Storage" is not used in a technical sense. The statement includes pickled as well as chilled and frozen meats, and fish and dairy products. Practically all the larger fish companies of Canada now report their holdings.

The quantities on hand the first of October 1917 and 1st. of September, 1917, were as follows:-

	<u>1st. September</u>	<u>1st. October</u>
Eggs	14,946,540 dozen	15,124,849 dozen
Cheese	19,693,704 pounds	18,091,055 pounds
Butter	20,480,809 pounds	21,025,400 pounds
Beef, Pickled	566,895 pounds	417,100 pounds
Beef, Fresh & Frozen	13,648,782 pounds	24,284,900 pounds
Pork, Pickled	19,686,974 pounds	13,283,342 pounds
Pork, Fresh & Frozen	10,302,645 pounds	7,568,534 pounds
Bacon	10,856,548 pounds	8,016,344 pounds
Ham	1,619,157 pounds	1,719,030 pounds
Bacon & Ham	1,543,558 pounds	1,504,647 pounds
Mutton & Lamb	295,588 pounds	885,822 pounds
Fish	15,546,732 pounds	19,757,730 pounds
Fowl	1,344,207 pounds	1,561,165 pounds

The above figures for October include the reports of 140 cold storage plants and cover 99 per cent of all the cold storage companies of Canada. To estimate the total quantity of any of the commodities in Canada and under control of cold storage companies add about ten percent to represent goods in transit and goods held by two companies whose reports have been delayed.

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The holdings of the firms reporting quantities of food commodities on hand October 1, 1917, who also have reported for October 1, 1916, show the following comparisons:-

	October 1, 1916	October 1, 1917,	Percentage Increase & Decrease
Eggs	10,712,755	11,132,731	4% Increase
Butter	10,540,650	13,096,430	24% Increase
Cheese	12,757,659	10,311,526	19% Decrease
Beef	11,437,939	13,723,163	19% Increase
Pork	2,434,583	7,313,895	200% Increase
Bacon & Ham	20,136,442	18,954,075	6% Decrease
Mutton & Lamb	550,419	693,883	25% Increase
Fish	44,731,312	5,494,258	16% Increase

Assuming that the holdings of remaining firms show approximately the same proportion for the quantities of food commodities on hand October 1, 1917, and October 1, 1916, there are about 600,000 dozen more eggs; 4,000,000 pounds more butter; 4,000,000 pounds less cheese; 4,000,000 pounds more beef; 4,800,000 pounds more pork; 600,000 pounds less bacon and ham; 300,000 pounds more mutton and lamb and 3,300,000 pounds more fish in cold storage October 1, 1917 than as of October 1, 1916.

The total exports of the same commodities for September 1916 and 1917 are as follows:-

	1916	1917
Butter	2,129,625 pounds	307,518 pounds
Cheese	23,067,782 "	30,561,718 "
Bacon & Ham	15,904,954 "	19,489,829 "
Mutton & Lamb	101,533 "	166,531 "
Beef	2,151,296 "	7,657,555 "
Pork	1,702,361 "	1,058,859 "
Eggs	435,694 Dozen	75,475 dozen

The total imports of the same commodities for September 1916 and 1917, are as follows:-

	1916	1917
Butter	18,761 pounds	16,374 pounds
Cheese	39,415 "	24,862 pounds
Bacon & Ham	964,901 "	77,470 pounds
Mutton & Lamb	174,937 "	177,792 pounds
Beef	605,550 "	924,849 pounds
Pork	5,696,934 "	6,946,701 pounds
Eggs	86,171 dozen	81,021 dozen

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The following statement shows the distribution of the total quantities of each of such commodities in store October 1, 1917, reported according to established districts:-

	<u>Maritime Provinces</u>	<u>Quebec</u>	<u>Toronto</u>
Eggs	554,709 dozen	4,710,150 Doz.	2,411,066 doz.
Butter	456,879 pounds	7,483,003 lbs.	403,660 lbs.
Cheese	225,474 "	12,583,530 "	1,183,175 "
Beef	533,507 "	1,702,904 "	6,551,557 "
Pickled Beef	46,000 "	173,314 "	169,907 "
Pork	12,638 "	395,009 "	1,380,951 "
Pickled Pork	27,700 "	533,068 "	3,951,406 "
Bacon	13,640 "	519,692 "	4,041,554 "
Ham	60,030 "	348,118 "	138,943 "
Bacon & Ham	28,000 "	855,456 "	101,335 "
Mutton & Lamb	145,211 "	171,811 "	346,205 "
Fish	4,923,624 "	645,033 "	562,742 "
Fowl	15,000 "	324,584 "	240,875 "

	<u>Montreal</u>	<u>Ontario Minus Toronto</u>	<u>Alberta & Saskatchewan</u>
Eggs	1,852,330 doz.	3,434,915 doz.	1,481,264 doz.
Butter	2,633,521 lbs.	2,154,618 lbs.	2,583,239 lbs.
Cheese	458,236 "	2,872,799 "	777,166 "
Beef	10,230,476 "	160,740 "	4,632,635 "
Pickled Beef	20,235 "
Pork	2,000,404 "	377,918 "	2,964,866 "
Pickled Pork	2,057,336 "	2,301,964 "	3,611,240 "
Bacon	153,559 "	2,732,649 "	475,606 "
Ham	201,005 "	513,821 "	349,934 "
Bacon & Ham	45,572 "	402,969 "	71,315 "
Mutton & Lamb	103,424 "	56,020 "	40,275 "
Fish	1,174,399 "	1,411,380 "	781,399 "
Fowl	273,451 "	163,603 "	323,141 "

	<u>British Columbia</u>
Eggs	630,415 doz.
Butter	1,697,470 lbs.
Cheese	190,675 "
Beef	473,081 "
Pickled Beef	7,644 "
Pork	436,746 "
Pickled Pork	800,560 "
Bacon	79,644 "
Ham	106,379 "
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Mutton & Lamb	22,806 "
Fish	10,253,737 "
Fowl	220,301 "

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