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STATEMENT OF FOOD COMMODITIES IN CANADA, January 1, 1918, AS  
COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, DECEMBER 1917, AND WITH THE  
SAME MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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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 in Canada as of January 1st  
1918. The term "Cold Storage" is not used in a technical sense. The  
figures below include dairy products, pickled and barrelled as well  
as frozen meats and the holdings of practically all the large fish  
companies of Canada.

The quantity on hand the first of January 1918, and  
the first of December 1917, are as follows:-

	<u>1st January</u>	<u>1st December</u>
Eggs	4,144,490 dozen	6,819,169 dozen
Butter	11,273,627 pounds	15,414,154 pounds
Cheese	12,374,985 pounds	15,809,639 pounds
Beef (Fresh & Pickled)	43,335,952 pounds	48,093,680 pounds
Pork (Fresh & Pickled)	22,623,378 pounds	21,086,221 pounds
Bacon, & Ham & Smoked Meats	15,086,828 pounds	10,971,611 pounds
Mutton & Lamb	3,963,483 pounds	4,610,444 pounds
Fish	19,419,984 pounds	12,871,275 pounds
Poultry all varieties	3,369,307 pounds	2,216,236 pounds

The above figures for January include reports of  
companies holding about 99% of the cold storage space available in  
Canada. To estimate the total quantity of any of the commodities, add  
about 10% to represent goods in transit. It is to be expected that the  
holdings on January first as compared with December first of butter,  
Cheese and eggs particularly, should show a decrease. By the first of  
march the cold storage companies expect that these commodities will  
be almost completely cleared, except for current trade.

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

	<u>1916</u>	<u>1917</u>
Butter	117,122	468,142
Cheese	12,479,725	6,677,231
Eggs	1,288,861	1,732,714
Bacon & Ham	25,223,951	10,464,054
Mutton	4,571	113,844
Pork	899,966	99,767
Beef	4,837,613	11,337,193

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

	<u>1916</u>	<u>1917</u>
Butter	98,772	7,073
Cheese	44,660	24,872
Eggs	340,942	422,613
Bacon & Ham	1,048,629	2,224
Pork	7,398,571	1,660,845
Mutton	221,570	139,233
Beef	2,153,721	183,261

The above figures include all of these commodities exported, whether the produce of Canada or foreign.





The following statement shows the distribution of the total quantities of each of such commodities in store January 1st, 1918, reported according to established districts:-

	MARITIME PROVINCES	QUEBEC.	ONTARIO MINUS TORONTO	TORONTO
Butter	164,940	3,824,350	924,664	1,956,794
Eggs	157,105	1,040,019	738,559	529,495
Cheese	116,344	7,124,850	1,950,189	1,825,673
Beef, Fresh & Pickled	502,605	6,323,477	612,951	14,216,765
Pork, Fresh & Pickled	255,637	588,692	2,389,247	10,236,924
Ham, Bacon & Smoked Meats	611,428	2,862,557	3,882,132	6,602,785
Mutton & Lamb	861,303	406,922	95,057	1,577,467
Fish all varieties	4,772,556	351,740	1,851,104	1,477,166
Fowl	6,822	696,462	1,146,062	692,905

	MANITOBA	ALBERTA & SASKATCHEWAN	BRITISH COLUMBIA.
Butter	1,633,170	1,548,978	1,220,731
Eggs	781,415	639,701	358,196
Cheese	367,257	806,391	184,281
Beef, Fresh & Pickled	7,464,764	12,184,468	2,070,922
Pork, Fresh & Pickled	2,143,297	5,975,669	1,033,892
Ham, Bacon & Smoked Meats	788,320	252,184	87,422
Mutton & Lamb	419,082	523,824	79,828
Fish all varieties	642,922	687,913	9,436,583
Fowl	140,262	468,630	197,964





The holdings of the firms reporting quantities of food commodities on hand January 1st, 1918, who also have reported for January 1st, 1917, show the following comparisons:-

	January 1, 1917	January 1, 1918.	Percentage increase or decrease.	
			Increase	Decrease
Butter	9,071,898	10,150,893	12%	
Cheese	6,434,147	10,949,815	70%	
Eggs	1,437,990	2,131,527	48%	
Beef	34,573,935	36,509,668	6%	
Pork	20,697,196	22,402,360	8 $\frac{1}{3}$ %	
Bacon & Ham	13,842,913	12,774,918		8%
Mutton & Lamb	4,743,736	3,817,395		19%
Fish	12,711,583	14,465,217	14%	

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