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COLD STORAGE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY FIRST, 1919.

Ottawa, February 15, 1919.

The Cost of Living Commissioner reports as follows to the Honourable Minister of Labour concerning the stocks of food in storage on February 1st, 1919:-

Briefly speaking the situation as regards dairy products and eggs is quite satisfactory. The situation regarding meats is not so satisfactory. Beef and lamb quantities are decreasing, but pork products are increasing with unchanging retail prices, while the price of live hogs is declining.

The eggs put into storage last summer are nearly all gone, only 414,637 dozen remaining at the first of the month. In addition we had 276,439 dozen eggs on hand other than cold storage and 1,354,204 pounds of bulk frozen eggs. These frozen eggs are used by confectioners and are not a product directly entering household consumption. Since our monthly domestic consumption of eggs is about $3\frac{1}{2}$ million dozens it is evident that the market is not oversupplied. Fortunately, now supplies are now coming on the market.

The butter situation is also satisfactory especially in view of the abnormal demands for overseas shipment last fall. We have 8,400,060 pounds creamery butter which is 29 per cent less than last month, and 698,703 pounds dairy butter which is only about one half of the stock of last month. Comparing these quantities with the most reliable figures for domestic consumption we see no cause for alarm in either direction.

The oleomargarine stocks have fallen off by 21 per cent to 597,607 pounds which is only about half a month's supply.

Cheese stocks have decreased by 25 per cent to 3,485,316 pounds which is less than one-half of last year's stock.

Pork stocks in general are greater than last month and 38.7 per cent greater than last year. Comparing with last month frozen pork has increased 27.77 per cent, unfrozen fresh pork has decreased .78 per cent, dry salted has increased 129.16 per cent sweet pickled decreased 15.46 per cent and pork in process of cure has increased 16.46 per cent. The quantities are, frozen 5,787,619 pounds, not frozen 2,560,610 pounds, dry salted 7,599,641 pounds, sweet pickled 9,739,619 pounds, in process of cure, 18,482,655 pounds. The best consumption figures available show consumption through wholesale channels to be 6,152,000 pounds of cured pork and 3,875,973 pounds of fresh pork a month.

Beef stocks have declined somewhat, but are still 44 per cent more than a year ago. We have 46,120,834 pounds of frozen beef, 3,220,746 pounds not frozen, 338,551 pounds of cured and 597,992 pounds in process of cure, making a total of 52,378,123 pounds. Wholesale consumption figures at hand show a monthly domestic demand of over 15 million pounds of fresh beef and a million and a quarter of cured beef.

Lamb and mutton stocks have declined by about 10 per cent from last month, but are still 105 per cent above last year. We find 8,137,668 pounds of frozen stock and 165,681 pounds of unfrozen, making a total of 8,303,349

We have 2,534,691 pounds of chickens and 2,644,125 pounds of other poultry. This is 109 per cent more than last year, but a decrease of 21 and $8\frac{1}{4}$ per cent respectively from last month.

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Fish stocks are nearly 50 per cent greater than last year but the commercial stocks have declined 13 per cent from last month. All kinds this month are 20,978,767 pounds with 3,172,863 pounds for bait.

As it will be seen, the stocks of meat are large and in the case of pork are increasing. Overseas shipment has ceased for a time and the law limiting holdings and profits has just been removed.

The truth is that these stocks are being held largely in the hope of the revival of the export market. It seems certain that eventually Europe will need all our surplus; at what price no one knows. The hungry consumers fail to gain much comfort from the export market, yet it is to the advantage of all of us to have the export market kept up that we may pay our debts. It is not to our advantage, however, to have domestic prices maintained above the necessities of the export market. Unnecessarily high prices at the present time can be nothing but disastrous.

Whether or not prices are unnecessarily high to-day on staple foods is a disputed question, with Mr. Hoover leading the champions of present prices. A few facts should be more expressive than any dictatorial assertions from this office.

The American millers assembled in convention state that wheat and flour prices are considerably above the world's market prices, having been guaranteed by the various governments. Hog prices are being artificially maintained in the United States, while they are dropping rapidly in Canada; yet the retail price of bacon is being held firm in Canada. Beef prices went up early last summer because the whole supply of the Southern Hemisphere was cut off. Now the large supplies of South America and Australia are available, yet the prices we pay have not declined to the former level.

In view of these facts and the news that the Orders of the Canada Food Board limiting holdings and limiting profits have been abolished, and also in view of the evident feeling in certain quarters that now the war is over the public needs no further protection in spite of many labourers being out of work, we would respectfully urge that measures be taken at once to protect the interests of the consumers. We feel that at least, the order limiting profits should be immediately restored by Order-in-Council and should be rigidly enforced, and that additional measures should be passed having in mind the protection of the best interests of all Canadians for the period of reconstruction. We also believe that a very special effort should be made at this time to diminish the prices of essential food products.

The following firms have not yet reported for this month:-

J. D. Irving	Buctouche, N. B.
Booth Fisheries	St. Andrews, N. B.
Montreal Abattoir	Montreal, Que.
Montreal Dairy	Montreal, Que.
E. Morgan	Delhi, Ont.
Silverwoods Limited	London, Ont.
W. J. Guest & Company	Winnipeg, Man.
Swift Canadian Co.	Winnipeg, Man.
Saskatchewan Creamery	Moose Jaw, Sask.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. McFall.

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STATEMENT OF FOOD COMMODITIES IN CANADA, FEBRUARY 1st, 1919,
 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, JANUARY 1st, 1919, AND WITH
 THE SAME MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

The amount of food commodities in storage February 1st, 1919, were:-

	<u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>
Butter - Creamery	8,400,060
" - Dairy	698,703
Oleomargarine	597,607
Cheese	3,485,316
Eggs - In cold storage	414,637
" - Other than Cold Storage	276,439
" - Frozen	1,354,204
Pork - Frozen	5,787,619
" - Not frozen	2,560,810
" - Dry salted	7,599,641
" - Sweet pickled	9,739,619
" - In process of cure	18,482,655
Total	44,170,344
Beef - Frozen	48,120,834
" - Not frozen	3,220,746
" - Cured	338,551
" - In process of cure	597,992
Total	52,778,123
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	8,137,668
" & " - Not frozen	165,681
Total	8,303,349
Poultry - Chickens	2,534,691
" - Other poultry	2,644,125
Fish all kinds	20,970,767
Fish for bait	3,172,863

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STATEMENT COMPARING HOLDINGS OF FEBRUARY 1st, 1919, WITH FEBRUARY 1st, 1918, TAKEN FROM SUCH LIMITED LISTS OF FIRMS AS THE RECORDS OF LAST YEAR ALLOW.

	<u>1918</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Butter	7,010,326	8,903,850		27.01 %
Cheese	7,539,793	3,335,779	55.76 %	
Eggs	1,427,832	1,516,951		6.24 %
Pork	31,607,116	43,839,304		38.70 %
Beef	35,478,643	51,083,674		43.98 %
Mutton & Lamb	3,969,897	8,150,948		105.31 %
Poultry	2,421,006	5,082,216		1109.92 %
Fish	15,195,932	22,714,000		49.47 %

STATEMENT COMPARING HOLDINGS FOR ALL CANADA JANUARY 1st, 1919,
WITH FEBRUARY 1st, 1919, BASED UPON LIMITED LIST OF FIRMS REPORTING
FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES.

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Butter - Creamery	11,778,072	8,400,060		28.68 %
" - Dairy	1,353,083	696,703		48.37 %
Oleomargarine	756,298	597,607		20.99 %
Cheese	4,570,407	3,485,206		23.75 %
Eggs - In cold storage	2,137,242	414,637		80.60 %
" - Other than cold storage	430,895	276,439		35.83 %
" - Frozen	1,925,109	1,354,204		29.66 %
Pork - Frozen	4,529,411	5,787,619	27.77 %	
" - Not frozen	2,580,889	2,560,811	.78 %	
" - Dry salted	3,316,064	7,599,395	129.16 %	
" - Sweet pickled	11,282,425	9,737,867	13.46 %	
" - In process of cure	15,601,500	18,482,655	18.46 %	
Beef - Frozen	51,021,713	48,118,389	5.70 %	
" - Not frozen	4,957,463	3,220,746	35.04 %	
" - Cured	532,771	338,551	36.46 %	
" - In process of cure	900,663	597,992	33.61 %	
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	8,879,670	8,137,668	8.36 %	
" & " - Not frozen	185,506	165,681	10.69 %	
Poultry - Chickens	3,206,968	2,534,691	20.97 %	
" - Other poultry	2,881,080	2,644,125	8.23 %	
Fish all kinds	23,945,360	20,885,267	12.78 %	
Fish for bait	1,184,703	2,647,863	123.50 %	

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The following statement shows the distribution of the total quantities of each of the mentioned commodities in store February 1st, 1919, reported according to provinces:-

	M.ritime	Qubco	Ontario (including Toronto)
	Lbs. or Doz.	Lbs. or Doz.	Lbs. or Doz.
Butter - Creamery	158,213	3,080,814	2,574,678
" - Dairy	165,041	150,182	166,870
Oleomargarine	6,115	263,046	255,345
Cheese	32,588	1,299,566	1,693,348
Eggs - In cold storage	9,720	217,745	78,266
" - Other than Cold Storage	10,095	177,884	78,408
" - Frozen	38,742	258,400	492,250
Pork - Frozen	159,910	917,273	1,424,309
" - Not frozen	39,732	464,406	1,262,762
" - Dry salted	348,956	2,016,808	3,377,708
" - Sweet pickled	771,365	1,425,469	5,562,440
" - In process of cure	302,800	1,439,268	11,942,639
Beef - Frozen	2,967,563	8,166,923	13,359,726
" - Not frozen	17,011	349,396	1,915,137
" - Cured	47,390	2,900	276,821
" - In process of cure	none	144,700	453,292
Meat & Lamb - Frozen	813,102	1,597,741	2,138,818
" & Lamb - Not frozen	200	33,800	48,129
Poultry - Chickens	61,097	557,146	526,090
" - Other poultry	96,923	951,455	1,056,645
Fish all kinds	4,775,340	1,229,265	3,498,208
Fish for bait	552,584	none	----

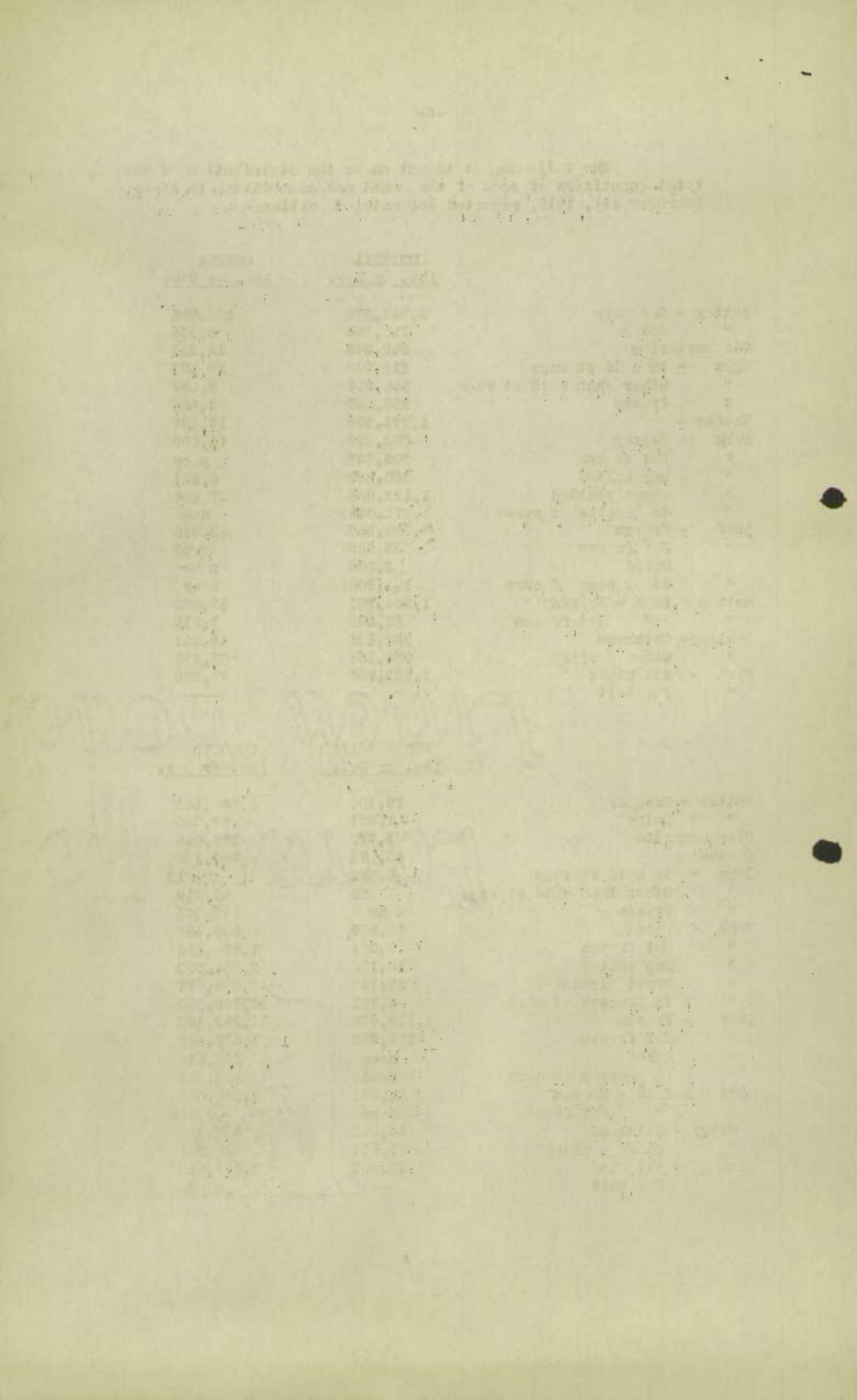
	Manitoba	Alberta & Saskatchewan	British Columbia
	Lbs. or Doz.	Lbs. or Doz.	Lbs. or Doz.
Butter - Creamery	903,234	682,582	1,000,539
" - Dairy	188,903	60,074	27,633
Oleomargarine	40,949	16,213	15,939
Cheese	61,961	299,035	98,818
Eggs - In cold storage	11,234	47,149	50,523
" - Other than cold storage	2,398	5,047	2,607
" - Frozen	38	9,935	554,839
Pork - Frozen	190,036	2,684,868	411,223
" - Not frozen	181,181	570,681	42,049
" - Dry salted	252,545	1,542,446	61,178
" - Sweet pickled	23,140	1,500,713	45,192
" - In process of cure	988,026	3,461,054	348,868
Beef - Frozen	10,294,324	11,070,099	2,262,199
" - Not frozen	220,752	525,269	193,181
" - Cured	1,030	6,654	4,656
" - In process of cure	none	none	none
Meat & Lamb - Frozen	493,661	826,050	2,268,296
" & " - Not frozen	813	71,577	11,162
Poultry - Chickens	274,859	887,303	228,196
" - Other poultry	105,428	227,220	206,454
Fish all kinds	1,265,123	1,290,787	8,920,004
Fish for bait	none	none	2,620,279

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regards to questions from our own students. We will also
have a presentation by the students on their work.

The following statement shows the distribution of the total quantities of each of the mentioned commodities in store February 1st, 1919, reported according to cities:-

	MONTREAL <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>	OTTAWA <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>
Butter - Creamery	2,943,536	125,886
" Dairy	116,246	6,936
Oleomargarine	240,845	18,241
Eggs - In cold storage	212,900	19,493
" Other than cold storage	166,844	5,487
" Frozen	258,400	2,600
Cheese -	1,274,998	17,437
Pork - Frozen	882,390	11,089
" Not frozen	305,775	none
" Dry salted	360,520	2,281
" Sweet pickled	1,112,005	27,222
" In process of cure	1,371,048	none
Beef - Frozen	7,954,563	42,015
" Not frozen	333,665	55
" Cured	2,000	none
" In process of cure	144,700	none
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	1,264,701	63,883
" " Not frozen	33,800	3,615
Poultry - Chickens	552,126	19,241
" Other poultry	950,188	33,276
Fish - All kinds	1,123,750	76,590
" For bait	-----	-----

	FORT WILLIAM <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>	TORONTO <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>
Butter - Creamery	79,104	2,084,162
" Dairy	4,571	92,365
Oleomargarine	2,770	165,646
Cheese	13,172	782,195
Eggs - In cold storage	5,572	29,013
" Other than cold storage	60	65,519
" Frozen	none	470,763
Pork - Frozen	76,635	836,485
" Not frozen	9,264	1,004,168
" Dry salted	10,154	2,550,593
" Sweet pickled	25,140	3,028,971
" In process of cure	4,723	10,168,350
Beef - Frozen	1,112,939	11,252,183
" Not frozen	170,733	1,646,268
" Cured	none	252,816
" In process of cure	none	453,292
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	21,572	1,966,035
" " Not frozen	none	41,066
Poultry - Chickens	14,093	431,232
" Other poultry	43,651	976,061
Fish - All kinds	20,501	2,097,613
" For bait	-----	none



The following statement shows the distribution of the total quantities of each of the mentioned commodities in store February 1st, 1919, reported according to cities:-

	Winnipeg <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>	Calgary <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>
Butter - Creamery	848,484	132,996
" - Dairy	187,223	26,028
Oleomargarine	40,949	6,689
Cheese	61,851	105,533
Eggs - In cold storage	8,894	22,527
" - Other than cold storage	2,398	none
" - Frozen	38	none
Pork - Frozen	190,036	930,612
" - Not frozen	180,981	211,770
" - Dry salted	252,365	729,746
" - Sweet pickled	23,440	497,979
" - In process of cure	988,026	575,900
Beef - Frozen	10,288,564	5,823,714
" - Not frozen	220,752	64,635
" - Cured	1,030	40
" - In process of cure	none	none
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	493,661	354,391
" & " - Not frozen	813	229
Poultry - Chickens	274,859	490,342
" - Other poultry	105,388	35,363
Fish all kinds	780,435	237,611
" for bait	-----	none

	Edmonton <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>	Vancouver <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>	Victoria <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>
Butter - Creamery	242,529	778,428	184,661
" - Dairy	31,349	5,546	2,125
Oleomargarine	5,027	13,419	2,210
Cheese	92,128	43,658	20,979
Eggs - In cold storage	12,660	43,871	1,297
" - Other than cold storage	4,005	1,350	1,197
" - Frozen	830	554,679	160
Pork - Frozen	1,335,423	365,934	13,512
" - Not frozen	353,668	19,343	2,608
" - Dry salted	333,281	48,250	1,108
" - Sweet pickled	407,655	259,563	48,175
" - In process of cure	2,879,498	341,126	3,742
Beef - Frozen	3,924,338	1,894,434	54,946
" - Not frozen	96,121	159,207	13,703
" - Cured	3,414	1,265	8,241
" - In process of cure	none	none	none
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	317,022	2,251,737	3,025
" & " - Not frozen	321	3,686	6,623
Poultry - Chickens	297,592	196,336	24,639
" - Other poultry	112,239	167,681	35,023
Fish all kinds	645,233	4,317,510	22,787
Fish for bait	none	2,477,108	-----

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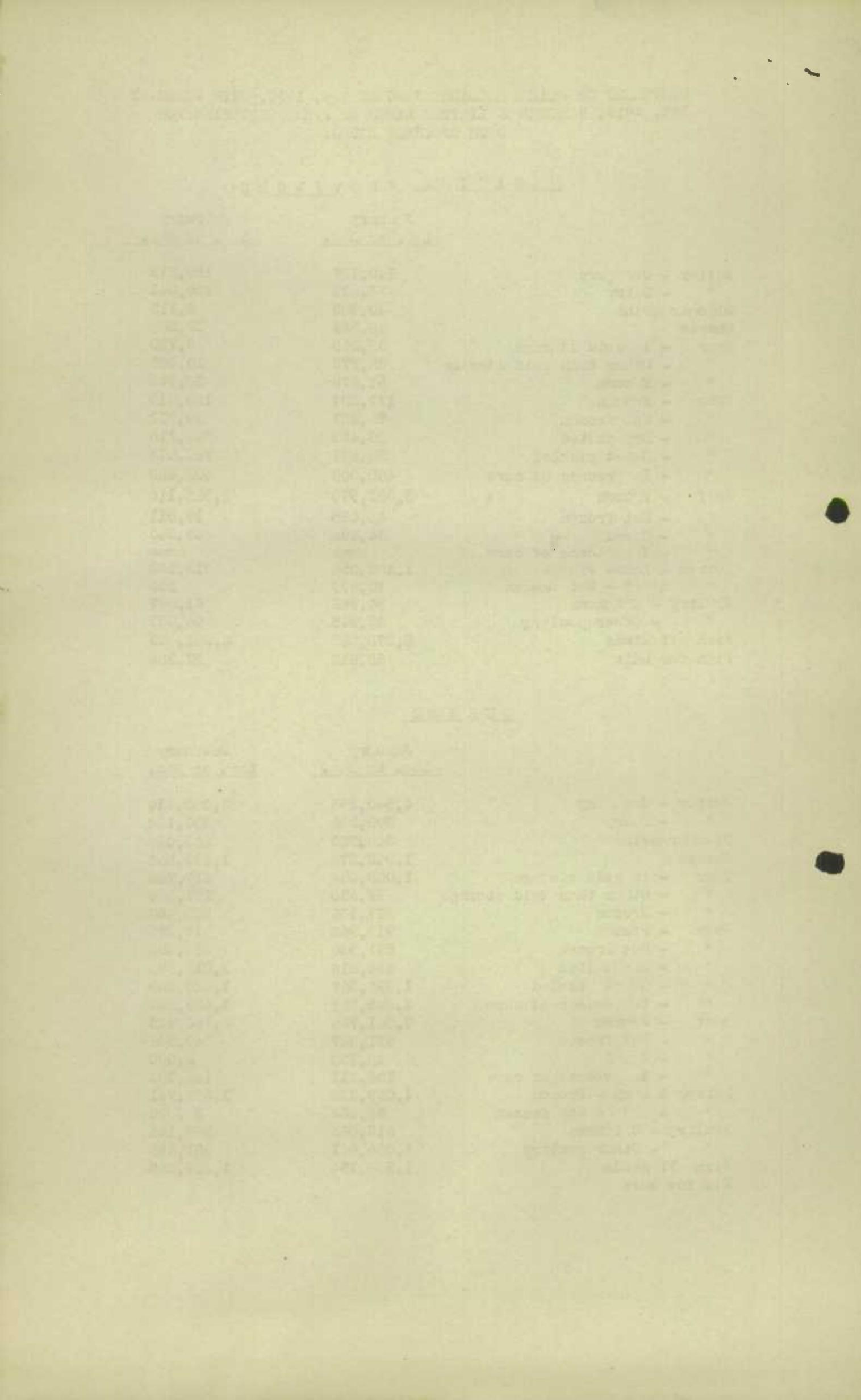
STATEMENT COMPARING HOLDINGS JANUARY 1st, 1919, WITH FEBRUARY
1st, 1919, BASED UPON LIMITED LISTS OF FIRMS REPORTING FOR
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	January <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>	February <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>
Butter - Creamery	140,157	158,213
" - Dairy	173,819	105,041
Oleomargarine	10,989	6,115
Cheese	48,524	32,588
Eggs - In cold storage	53,265	9,720
" - Other than cold storage	25,778	10,095
" - Frozen	51,678	38,742
Pork - Frozen	177,201	159,910
" - Not frozen	76,437	39,732
" - Dry salted	29,453	348,710
" - Sweet pickled	55,831	769,613
" - In process of cure	465,000	302,800
Beef - Frozen	3,052,970	2,965,118
" - Not frozen	45,435	17,011
" - Cured	34,490	47,390
" - In process of cure	none	none
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	1,102,054	813,102
" & " - Not frozen	10,899	200
Poultry - Chickens	54,986	61,097
" - Other poultry	83,945	96,923
Fish all kinds	5,278,869	4,681,849
Fish for bait	52,912	27,584

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	January <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>	February <u>Lbs. or Doz.</u>
Butter - Creamery	4,540,593	3,060,314
" - Dairy	300,226	150,132
Oleomargarine	348,320	263,046
Cheese	1,942,270	1,299,566
Eggs - In cold storage	1,003,434	217,745
" - Other than cold storage	92,630	177,034
" - Frozen	267,136	250,400
Pork - Frozen	913,962	817,273
" - Not frozen	531,950	464,406
" - Dry salted	684,216	2,016,803
" - Sweet pickled	1,396,367	1,425,469
" - In process of cure	2,285,281	1,439,268
Beef - Frozen	9,061,766	8,166,923
" - Not frozen	571,347	349,396
" - Cured	18,130	2,000
" - In process of cure	184,311	144,700
Mutton & Lamb - Frozen	1,669,328	1,597,741
" & " - Not frozen	62,802	33,800
Poultry - Chickens	613,063	557,146
" - Other poultry	1,056,061	951,455
Fish all kinds	1,388,154	1,229,265
Fish for bait		



STATEMENT COMPARING HOLDINGS JANUARY 1st, 1919, WITH FEBRUARY 1st, 1919, BASED UPON LIMITED LISTS OF FIRMS REPORTING FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES.

ONTARIO

	January Lbs. or Doz.	February Lbs. or Doz.
Butter - Creamery	731,904	490,516
" - Dairy	195,235	74,505
Oleomargarine	94,195	89,699
Cheese	1,213,405	911,153
Eggs - In cold storage	267,602	49,253
" - Other than Cold Storage	36,739	13,099
" - Frozen	15,764	15,487
Pork - Frozen	314,743	527,024
" - Not frozen	511,058	258,594
" - Dry salted	830,045	821,315
" - Sweet pickled	2,579,548	2,533,469
" - In process of cure	1,215,736	1,774,289
Beef - Frozen	1,624,736	2,107,543
" - Not frozen	123,233	268,869
" - Cured	26,572	24,005
" - In process of cure		
Lutton & Lamb - Not frozen	4,341	7,063
" & " - Frozen	187,426	172,783
Poultry - Chickens	147,853	92,653
" - Other poultry	35,229	60,584
Fish all kinds	2,498,088	1,400,595
Fish for bait		

TORONTO

	January Lbs. or Doz.	February Lbs. or Doz.
Butter - Creamery	2,723,865	2,034,162
" - Dairy	168,418	92,365
Oleomargarine	216,451	169,646
Cheese	863,262	782,195
Eggs - In cold storage	389,813	29,013
" - Other than cold storage	92,681	65,319
" - Frozen	701,707	476,765
Pork - Frozen	857,153	890,405
" - Not frozen	754,233	1,004,168
" - Dry salted	773,597	2,556,393
" - Sweet pickled	4,518,080	3,028,971
" - In process of cure	8,271,227	10,168,350
Beef - Frozen	12,124,743	11,252,183
" - Not frozen	2,331,866	1,646,26
" - Cured	276,913	252,816
" - In process of cure	716,352	453,292
Lutton & Lamb - Frozen	2,156,729	1,966,035
" & " - Not frozen	58,803	41,066
Poultry - Chickens	748,740	433,232
" - Other poultry	663,505	976,061
Fish all kinds	1,872,587	2,097,613
Fish for bait		

10. The following table gives the number of cases of smallpox reported in each State during the year 1802.

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 FEBRUARY 1st, 1919, BASED UPON LIMITED LIST OF FIRMS
 REPORTING FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES.

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	January Lbs. or Doz.	February Lbs. or Doz.
Butter - Creamery	1,149,258	903,234
" - Dairy	295,871	188,903
Oleomargarine	55,199	40,949
Cheese	100,073	61,851
Eggs - In cold storage	159,638	11,234
" - Other than cold storage	11,658	2,398
" - Frozen	89	38
Pork - Frozen	183,661	190,036
" - Not frozen	62,748	181,181
" - Dry salted	235,713	252,545
" - Sweet pickled	863,729	23,440
" - In process of cure	77,224	988,026
" - Frozen	10,081,273	10,294,324
" - Not frozen	235,772	220,752
" - Cured	4,100	1,030
" - In process of cure	None	None
Button & Lamb - Frozen	451,494	493,661
" & " - Not frozen	709	813
Poultry - Chickens	466,229	274,359
" - Other poultry	60,380	105,428
Fish all kinds	1,086,436	1,265,123
Fish for bait		

A L B E R T A & S A S K A T C H E W A N

	January Lbs. or Doz.	February Lbs. or Doz.
Butter - Creamery	1,065,554	682,582
" - Dairy	207,760	60,074
Oleomargarine	15,387	16,213
Cheese	297,149	299,835
Eggs - Other than cold storage	17,407	5,047
" - In cold storage	134,230	47,149
" - Frozen	12,110	9,935
Pork - Frozen	1,724,567	2,684,868
" - Not frozen	495,621	570,681
" - Dry salted	713,424	1,542,446
" - Sweet pickled	1,447,749	1,500,713
" - In process of cure	2,854,549	3,461,054
Beef - Frozen	13,056,318	11,070,099
" - Not frozen	1,090,932	525,269
" - Cured	170,536	6,654
" - In process of cure	none	none
Button & Lamb - Frozen	902,412	826,050
" & " - Not frozen	32,942	71,577
Poultry - Chickens	873,196	887,303
" - Other poultry	121,963	227,220
Fish all kinds	1,089,513	1,290,787
Fish for bait	----	----

STATEMENT COMPARING HOLDINGS JANUARY 1st, 1918, WITH
 FEBRUARY 1st, 1919, BASED UPON LIMITED LISTS OF FIRMS
 REPORTING FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES.

B R I T I S H C O L U M B I A

	January lbs. or Doz.	February lbs. or Doz.
Butter - Creamery	1,426,741	1,000,539
" - Dairy	11, 759	27,633
Oleomargarine	15,757	15,939
Cheese	105,724	98,818
Eggs - In cold storage	169,260	50,523
" - Other than cold storage	154,002	2,607
" - Frozen	875,802	554,839
Pork - Frozen	358,104	411,223
" - Not frozen	148,842	42,049
" - Dry salted	49,616	61,178
" - Sweet pickled	391,121	456,192
" - In process of cure	432,433	348,868
Beef - Frozen	2,039,857	2,262,199
" - Not frozen	560,898	193,181
" - Cured	1,930	4,656
" - In process of cure	-	-
Lamb & Mutton - Frozen	2,410,225	2,268,296
" & " - Not frozen	15,010	11,162
Poultry - Chickens	303,391	228,196
" - Other poultry	860,017	206,454
Fish for bait	10,731,703	8,920,044
Fish all kinds	1,131,791	2,620,279

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