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ICE CREAM PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1929

Ice cream as an article of food is of such growing importance that a separate monograph dealing with it appears to be warranted. It possesses all the elements of a real food being easily digested, palatable and highly nutritive.

The production of ice cream is carried on chiefly by the Dairy and confectionery industries whilst a further production is also reported by the baking industry. Statistics of production by quantity and value since the inception of the annual census of manufactures are shown for the above named industries in the following table. During this period covering 13 years the quantity produced increased by 179 per cent whilst the value increased by 232 per cent.

1. Ice Cream Production by Industries, 1917 - 1929

Year	Bread and other bakery products		Biscuits and Confectionery, etc.		Dairy Industry		Total Production	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$
1917	1,513,802	1,892,253	1/	1/	2,000,761	2,200,360	3,514,563	4,092,613
1918	1,878,933	2,436,241	1/	1/	2,033,190	2,517,435	3,912,123	4,953,676
1919	332,722	545,595	2,118,454	2,866,264	2,854,070	3,634,686	5,305,246	7,046,545
1920	154,673	295,920	2,624,592	4,025,161	2,995,514	4,151,949	5,775,879	8,471,030
1921	104,224	167,087	2,339,573	3,492,138	3,007,337	3,967,918	5,451,134	7,627,143
1922	118,975	218,424	2,900,538	2,836,003	2,771,925	3,669,564	4,791,438	6,723,991
1923	62,840	118,622	2,760,736	3,840,476	2,789,524	3,514,046	5,603,100	7,473,144
1924	66,583	119,850	2,902,243	2,662,095	3,525,001	4,623,877	5,494,827	7,405,822
1925	72,931	110,956	2,911,458	2,674,726	3,911,305	5,188,426	5,895,594	7,974,108
1926	57,388	90,348	2,130,281	3,035,486	4,709,641	6,268,588	6,897,810	9,394,422
1927	68,502	108,640	2,094,313	3,094,463	5,303,531	7,098,109	7,466,346	10,301,217
1928	41,031	81,857	2,130,554	2,978,723	6,353,077	8,560,391	8,524,662	11,620,971
1929	37,938	75,442	2,509,551	3,792,247	7,149,947	9,737,020	9,797,436	13,604,709

1/ Included with bread etc. in 1917 and 1918.

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Production of Ice Cream by provinces is shown in table 2 by quantity and value for the calendar years 1924 to 1929. Previous to 1924 full returns were not received from all of the provinces by the dairying industry. The province of Ontario leads in production having over 52 per cent of the total in 1924 ranging downwards to 42.7 in 1929.

Table 2. Production of Ice Cream by Provinces, quantity and value 1924-29

Provinces	1924		1925		1926	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$
Canada	5,494,827	7,405,822	5,895,694	7,974,103	6,897,810	9,394,422
Prince Edward Island	30,384	43,403	15,750	25,072	20,530	31,754
Nova Scotia	274,746	423,023	331,843	517,269	367,774	573,229
New Brunswick	168,887	237,416	179,647	253,390	166,483	262,217
Quebec	661,229	930,150	777,090	1,114,912	1,200,757	1,753,667
Ontario	2,882,589	3,706,023	3,128,580	4,058,269	3,323,838	4,343,478
Manitoba	359,168	535,725	415,845	596,975	430,359	581,478
Saskatchewan	340,382	428,401	414,929	527,034	467,431	553,132
Alberta	336,365	435,815	319,139	402,702	359,879	438,579
British Columbia	441,077	665,866	312,871	478,485	560,704	851,838
	1927		1928		1929	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$
Canada	7,466,346	10,301,217	8,524,662	11,620,971	9,797,436	13,604,709
Prince Edward Island	26,161	40,374	29,148	45,170	44,537	68,192
Nova Scotia	481,426	727,730	597,539	923,413	718,708	1,040,793
New Brunswick	195,888	289,536	206,574	301,742	241,699	341,100
Quebec	1,488,768	2,115,781	1,660,153	2,381,411	2,092,516	3,136,840
Ontario	3,538,838	4,796,038	3,828,721	5,192,567	4,182,085	5,748,188
Manitoba	469,626	667,220	535,282	644,833	617,991	788,909
Saskatchewan	493,463	599,926	618,087	744,562	688,685	845,256
Alberta	263,677	323,317	398,123	484,745	537,863	650,576
British Columbia	508,499	741,295	651,035	902,528	673,352	984,855

CONSUMPTION OF ICE CREAM BY PROVINCES, QUANTITY AND VALUE 1924-29

The per capita consumption of ice cream is shown by quantity and value in Table 3 for Canada and the provinces for the calendar years 1924 to 1929. The per capita consumption rose from .60 or 3/5 of a gallon in 1924 to one gallon in 1929 or an increase of 66.6 per cent. The provinces showing the highest per capita consumption were Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia with 1.30, 1.28 and 1.14 gallons respectively whilst the lowest per capita is shown by Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick with .52 and .58 gallons respectively. The cost per capita for the Dominion rose from 31 cents in 1924 to 81.39 in 1929 or an increase of 71.6 per cent, a like increase existing for each province during the period.

Table 3. Per Capita Consumption by Provinces, Quantity and Value 1924-1929.

	1924		1925		1926		1927		1928		1929	
	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢
Prince Edward Island	.35	.50	.20	.30	.24	.37	.30	.47	.34	.52	.52	.80
Nova Scotia	.51	.80	.61	.96	.68	1.06	.89	1.34	1.09	1.69	1.30	1.89
New Brunswick	.42	.60	.44	.63	.41	.64	.48	.70	.50	.73	.58	.81
Quebec	.27	.38	.31	.44	.47	.68	.57	.81	.63	.90	.78	1.17
Ontario	.94	1.21	1.01	1.31	1.06	1.38	1.11	1.50	1.19	1.60	1.28	1.76
Manitoba	.57	.86	.66	.94	.67	.91	.73	1.04	.82	.98	.93	1.19
Saskatchewan	.43	.54	.51	.65	.57	.68	.59	.72	.73	.83	.79	.98
Alberta	.56	.73	.52	.67	.59	.72	.43	.52	.63	.77	.63	1.01
British Columbia	.80	1.20	.56	.85	.99	1.50	.68	1.29	1.12	1.55	1.14	1.66
Canada	.60	.81	.63	.86	.72	1.00	.78	1.08	.88	1.20	1.00	1.39

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