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ICE CREAM PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1931.

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.

Table 1. - Ice Cream Production, by Industries, 1917-1931.

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	2,624,692	4,023,161	2,996,514	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	1,900,538	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	1,902,243	2,662,095	3,526,001	4,623,877	5,494,827	7,405,822
1925	72,931	110,956	1,911,458	2,674,726	3,111,305	5,188,426	5,895,694	7,974,108
1926	57,888	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	3,094,468	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	2,609,551	3,792,247	7,149,947	9,737,020	9,797,436	13,604,709
1930	27,541	60,448	2,602,583	3,751,394	7,078,039	9,600,688	9,708,163	13,412,530
1931	33,751	59,590	2,100,373	2,897,562	6,100,148	8,204,443	8,234,272	11,161,595

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

NOTE: - It should be remembered that the above table does not include the production of ice cream in hotels, restaurants and ice cream parlours. The total production and consumption of ice cream is, therefore, materially higher than the figures shown in the present report.

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ICE CREAM PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1931.

Production of ice cream by provinces is shown in table 2 by quantity and value for the calendar years 1926 to 1931. In 1931 the province of Ontario led in production, contributing 46 per cent of the total gallonage and 45 per cent of the total value.

Table 2. - Production of Ice Cream by Provinces, Quantity and Value, 1926-1931.

Provinces	1931		1930		1929	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$
CANADA	8,234,272	11,161,595	9,708,163	13,412,530	9,797,436	13,604,709
Prince Edward Island.	37,459	57,082	52,800	80,526	44,537	68,192
Nova Scotia	448,758	708,486	736,533	1,141,703	718,708	1,040,793
New Brunswick	256,488	342,322	256,779	350,919	241,699	341,100
Quebec	1,808,664	2,661,546	2,016,904	3,058,966	2,092,516	3,136,840
Ontario	3,747,767	5,028,632	4,177,838	5,582,544	4,182,085	5,748,188
Manitoba	438,021	550,524	569,772	711,573	617,991	788,909
Saskatchewan	398,173	467,717	564,360	704,853	688,685	845,256
Alberta	477,576	564,078	640,937	774,679	537,863	650,576
British Columbia	621,366	781,208	692,240	1,006,767	673,352	984,855
Provinces	1928		1927		1926	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$
CANADA	8,524,662	11,620,971	7,466,346	10,301,217	6,897,810	9,394,422
Prince Edward Island.	29,148	45,170	26,161	40,374	20,580	31,754
Nova Scotia	597,539	923,413	481,426	727,730	367,774	573,229
New Brunswick	206,574	301,742	195,888	289,536	166,488	262,217
Quebec	1,660,153	2,381,411	1,488,768	2,115,781	1,200,757	1,753,667
Ontario	3,828,721	5,192,567	3,538,838	4,796,038	3,323,838	4,343,478
Manitoba	535,282	644,833	469,626	667,220	430,359	581,478
Saskatchewan	618,087	744,562	493,463	599,926	467,431	558,182
Alberta	398,123	484,745	263,677	323,317	359,879	438,579
British Columbia	651,035	902,528	508,499	741,295	560,704	851,838

CONSUMPTION OF ICE CREAM BY PROVINCES, QUANTITY AND VALUE, 1926-1931.

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 1926 to 1931. The per capita consumption decreased from .94 gallons in 1930 to .79 gallons in 1931, a decrease of 16 per cent.

The provinces showing the highest per capita consumption were Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia with 1.09, .89 and .87 gallons respectively, whilst the lowest per capita is shown by Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan with .42 and .43 gallons respectively.

Table 3. - Per Capita Consumption of Ice Cream by Provinces, Quantity and Value, 1926-1931.

Provinces	1926		1927		1928		1929		1930		1931	
	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢	Gal.	\$ ¢
Prince Edward Island	.24	.37	.30	.47	.34	.52	.52	.80	.60	.91	.42	.65
Nova Scotia .....	.68	1.06	.89	1.34	1.09	1.69	1.30	1.89	1.42	2.20	.87	1.38
New Brunswick .....	.41	.64	.48	.70	.50	.73	.58	.81	.62	.85	.63	.85
Quebec .....	.47	.68	.57	.81	.63	.90	.78	1.17	.71	1.07	.63	.93
Ontario	1.06	1.38	1.11	1.50	1.19	1.60	1.23	1.76	1.22	1.64	1.09	1.46
Manitoba .....	.67	.91	.73	1.04	.82	.98	.93	1.19	.81	1.01	.63	.78
Saskatchewan .....	.57	.68	.59	.72	.73	.88	.79	.98	.61	.77	.43	.50
Alberta59	.72	.45	.52	.63	.77	.83	1.01	.89	1.08	.65	.77
British Columbia99	1.50	.88	1.29	1.12	1.55	1.14	1.66	1.02	1.48	.89	1.12
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