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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE  
PRODUCTION OF DAIRY FACTORIES OF CANADA, 1923

CREAMERY BUTTER.- The quantity of creamery butter made in Canada in 1923 was 163,456,759 pounds, valued at \$56,894,008, an increase in quantity over the preceding year of 10,954,857 pounds, or seven per cent, and an increase in value of \$3,440,726, or six per cent. The average price per pound for the whole of Canada was 34 cents in 1923 compared with 35 cents in 1922. The production of creamery butter in 1923 exceeds in quantity the production of any previous year and is exceeded in value only by that of 1920 when the average price per pound was 57 cents. Production by provinces is shown in the following table:

Production of Creamery Butter, 1923.

	Lb.	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	1,537,437	542,846
Nova Scotia .....	3,550,666	1,352,118
New Brunswick .....	1,231,471	456,557
Quebec .....	60,179,616	20,741,454
Ontario .....	54,773,180	19,443,505
Manitoba .....	10,730,060	3,662,444
Saskatchewan .....	10,867,010	3,632,377
Alberta .....	17,626,155	5,811,222
British Columbia .....	2,961,164	1,250,485
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>163,456,759</b>	<b>56,894,008</b>

FACTORY CHEESE.- The production of cheese also shows a large increase. The output in 1923 totalled 151,483,353 pounds, valued at \$28,629,366, an increase in quantity over the preceding year of 11 per cent and an increase in value of 31 per cent. The average prices per pound were 19 cents in 1923 and 16 cents in 1922. The following table shows the production by provinces.



Production of Factory Cheese, 1923.

	Lb.	\$
Prince Edward Island .....	1,811,537	346,428
Nova Scotia .....	34,332	6,679
New Brunswick .....	825,369	161,497
Quebec .....	46,770,556	8,768,782
Ontario .....	99,535,415	18,842,102
Manitoba .....	231,530	47,191
Saskatchewan .....	118,920	22,061
Alberta .....	1,865,608	368,771
British Columbia .....	290,086	65,855
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>151,483,353</b>	<b>28,629,366</b>

CONDENSED PRODUCTS.- The total value of all condensed products was \$10,040,318, an increase over the preceding year of \$3,201,086 or 47 per cent. The following table shows the quantities and values of the various condensed products in 1923:

	Lb.	\$
Condensed milk .....	27,118,581	3,676,134
Skim condensed milk .....	5,204,847	321,274
Evaporated milk .....	45,824,521	4,309,225
Milk powder .....	1,325,189	405,743
Skim milk powder .....	9,796,622	1,159,310
Sterilized cream .....	180,714	26,339
Condensed coffee and cocoa .....	340,760	75,959
Casein .....	558,449	66,334
<b>Total Value .....</b>		<b>10,040,318</b>

TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF DAIRY FACTORIES:- The total output of the creameries, cheese factories, combined butter and cheese factories and condenseries, in 1923, was valued at \$120,110,562, an increase over 1922 of \$15,138,516. Comprised in the total output are butter, cheese, condensed products, ice cream, whole milk and cream sold, buttermilk, etc.

NUMBER OF DAIRY FACTORIES.- There were 3,018 dairy factories in operation in 1923, comprising 1,208 creameries, 1,419 cheese factories, 366 combined butter and cheese factories, and 25 condenseries. Compared with the preceding year the creameries show an increase of 42, the combined factories an increase of 14 and the condenseries an increase of two. The cheese factories show a decrease of 135. A decrease of 77 is shown in the number of all dairy factories.