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CREAMERY BUTTER.- Canada's production of creamery butter in 1926 amounted to 178,156,375 lb., valued at \$62,025,049, an increase in quantity, compared with the preceding year, of 8,661,408 lb., but a decrease in value of \$983,048. The average price per lb. at the creamery in 1926 was 34.81 cents, compared with an average of 37.17 cents in 1925. The output of 1926 is the second largest in the history of the industry, and is less than the record production of 1924 by only 737,562 lb. The total value of production is exceeded by only two years, viz.: 1920 and 1925, the difference in favour of the year 1920 being \$1,600,154 and of the year 1925, \$983,048. The average price per lb. is $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents less than in 1925 and 1 cent higher than in 1924. All of the provinces show increased production, Manitoba having the largest proportionate increase. The relation which each province bears to the total quantity of production is as follows: Ontario, 35 p.c.; Quebec, 29 p.c.; Alberta, 11 p.c.; Saskatchewan, 9 p.c.; Manitoba, 9 p.c.; Nova Scotia, 3 p.c.; British Columbia, 2 p.c.; and Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick each 1 p.c. The highest average price per lb. for creamery butter in 1926 is shown by British Columbia with 40.54 cents, followed by Nova Scotia with 38.00 cents, while the lowest averages are shown by Alberta with 32.99 cents and Saskatchewan with 33.17 cents.

FACTORY CHEESE.- The total quantity of factory cheese made in 1926 was 170,633,781 lb., valued at \$28,673,160, a decrease in quantity from the preceding year of 6,505,332 lb., and a decrease in value of \$7,898,396. The average price per lb. at the factory dropped from 20.65 cents in 1925 to 16.80 cents in 1926. Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan record slight increases in production, while the other provinces show decreases. Exclusive of British Columbia, average prices ranged from 15.81 cents per lb. in Prince Edward Island to 18.97 cents in Alberta. The average price in British Columbia was 34.07, but this is accounted for by the fact that the production of cheese in that province is not large and consists chiefly of special varieties prepared for sale in small sized packages.

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CONDENSED AND EVAPORATED MILK, MILK POWDER, ETC.- Little change is shown in the production of these items compared with the preceding year, the total value amounting to \$9,601,138 in 1926 and \$9,844,613 in 1925. Slightly decreased production is shown for condensed whole milk, evaporated milk and whole milk powder, while increases are shown for condensed skim milk and skim milk powder.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS OF DAIRY FACTORIES.- Included under this classification are whey butter, ice cream and milk and cream sold by the factories. Ice cream shows a decrease compared with the preceding year, while the other items show considerable increases. The total value of these miscellaneous products was \$31,276,795, compared with \$28,857,960 in 1925.

NUMBER OF FACTORIES AND TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTION.- The number of dairy factories in operation in 1926 was 3,074, an increase over the preceding year of 62 and an increase over the year 1924 of 141. The number of creameries increased over the year 1925 by 47, the number of cheese factories by 21 and the number of condenseries by 2. A decrease of 8 is shown in the number of combined butter and cheese factories. The total value of output of the factories was \$131,576,142, and decrease of \$6,706,084, the decrease being due to lower average prices prevailing in dairy products in 1926.

Statistics for 1925 and 1926 are given in the following tables, the figures for 1926 being subject to revision.

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1. Production of Creamery butter, by Provinces, 1925 and 1926.

		Quantity lb.	Value \$	Average price per lb. cents
Prince Edward Island	- 1925	1,724,283	632,547	36.68
"	- 1926	1,844,213	651,904	35.35
Nova Scotia	- 1925	4,530,028	1,782,414	39.35
" "	- 1926	4,764,807	1,810,627	38.00
New Brunswick	- 1925	1,279,417	469,153	36.67
" "	- 1926	1,416,355	508,169	35.88
Quebec	- 1925	49,368,635	18,838,581	38.26
"	- 1926	52,019,811	17,566,089	33.77
Ontario	- 1925	59,871,256	22,059,271	36.82
"	- 1926	62,301,681	22,673,039	36.39
Manitoba	- 1925	13,663,312	4,909,958	35.93
"	- 1926	15,418,630	5,171,138	33.54
Saskatchewan	- 1925	15,946,233	5,855,979	36.72
"	- 1926	16,629,136	5,515,349	33.17
Alberta	- 1925	19,630,101	6,959,059	35.45
"	- 1926	19,912,466	6,568,280	32.99
British Columbia	- 1925	3,481,702	1,451,135	41.68
" "	- 1926	3,849,276	1,560,454	40.54
Total	- 1925	169,494,967	63,008,097	37.17
"	- 1926	178,156,375	62,025,049	34.81

2. Production of Factory Cheese, by Provinces, 1925 and 1926.

		Quantity lb.	Value \$	Average price per lb. cents
Prince Edward Island	- 1925	2,001,242	413,545	20.66
"	- 1926	2,002,857	316,702	15.81
Nova Scotia	- 1925	34,856	7,435	21.33
" "	- 1926	31,357	5,331	17.00
New Brunswick	- 1925	1,130,773	230,434	20.38
" "	- 1926	1,057,234	181,986	17.21
Quebec	- 1925	51,761,908	10,685,139	20.64
"	- 1926	45,362,775	7,369,159	16.24
Ontario	- 1925	119,281,825	24,629,504	20.65
"	- 1926	119,293,671	20,228,551	16.96
Manitoba	- 1925	765,407	150,171	19.62
"	- 1926	863,658	161,126	18.66
Saskatchewan	- 1925	255,010	52,909	20.75
"	- 1926	378,176	69,085	18.27
Alberta	- 1925	1,473,835	306,605	20.80
"	- 1926	1,449,983	275,107	18.97
British Columbia	- 1925	434,257	95,814	22.06
" "	- 1926	194,070	66,113	34.07
Total	- 1925	177,139,113	36,571,556	20.65
"	- 1926	170,633,781	28,673,160	16.80

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3. Production of Condensed and Evaporated Milk,
Milk powder, etc., 1925 and 1926.

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	Lb.	Value \$	Lb.	Value \$
Condensed milk	29,832,764	3,599,235	27,703,142	3,106,227
Condensed skim milk	4,175,485	252,665	3,405,464	521,622
Evaporated milk	44,550,325	4,324,029	44,133,491	4,197,546
Milk powder	2,843,942	557,339	2,657,147	550,790
Skim milk powder	10,634,699	1,016,200	11,453,869	1,105,666
Condensed coffee	297,102	48,428	278,985	56,737
Casein	358,777	36,717	572,854	62,550
Total value		9,844,613		9,601,138

4. Miscellaneous Products of Dairy Factories,
1925 and 1926

	1 9 2 5		1 9 2 6	
	Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Whey Butter	lb. 1,492,573	480,938	1,574,112	491,475
Ice cream	gal. 3,911,305	5,133,426	3,527,362	4,526,122
Milk sold	" 35,020,484	14,484,116	40,107,650	15,984,320
Cream sold(lb.b.fat)	12,114,604	7,335,710	13,067,293	7,870,707
Buttermilk	-	308,938	-	356,028
Whey cream(lb.b.fat)	399,416	305,154	999,231	299,182
Sundry ^x	-	754,673	-	748,951
Total value		23,857,960	-	31,276,795

x Comprises ice cream mix, skim milk cheese, skim milk, whey, etc.

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Imports and Exports

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5. Imports into Canada of Dairy Products, for Home Consumption, 1925 and 1926.

		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Milk and cream, fresh		-	12,453	-	11,117
Butter	Lb.	99,748	39,315	9,151,882	3,451,812
Cheese	"	10,274,338	2,304,167	1,218,626	426,856
Milk, condensed	"	118,617	27,076	151,765	33,335
Casein	"	272,217	26,222	304,325	42,649
Total Value			2,409,233		3,965,769

6. Total Exports of Canadian Dairy Products, 1925 and 1926.

		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Milk, fresh	gal.	4,314,193	784,081	4,301,705	971,016
Cream, fresh	"	4,077,487	7,000,141	4,457,129	7,601,432
Butter	lb.	26,646,535	9,917,516	9,814,000	3,352,829
Cheese	"	150,742,900	34,575,980	134,656,600	24,857,868
Milk, evaporated	"	1/	1/	8,504,400	745,534
Milk powder	"	7,069,511	740,668	7,969,900	923,222
Milk, condensed canned or preserved	"	40,614,000	4,347,773	24,775,200	2,853,917
Casein	"	271,653	21,831	163,346	16,266
Total Value			57,387,990		41,322,084

1/ Included in 1925 with milk, condensed canned or preserved.

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