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and British Columbia 18,000 lb., value \$3,960. The average price per lb. of factory cheese for all Canada worked out to 21 cents in 1916, as compared with 17 cents in 1915. In 1916 the average price was highest in British Columbia, 25 cents. In Quebec and Ontario the average price was 18 cents and in Alberta it was 21 cents.

Comparative Statistics of Creamery Butter and Factory Cheese.—In Table 10 the production and value of creamery butter and factory cheese for all Canada is compared for the years 1900, 1907, 1910, 1915 and 1916; for 1900 and 1910 the figures shown are those of the decennial census; for 1907 they are those of the special postal census of that year and for 1915 and 1916 they are taken from the report of the Census and Statistics Office, mentioned above.

10.—Production and Value of Creamery Butter and Factory Cheese,
1900-07-10-15-16.

Year.	Estab- lish- ments.	Creamery Butter.		Factory Cheese.	
		lb.	\$	lb.	\$
1900.	3,576	36,066,739	7,240,972	220,833,269	22,221,430
1907.	3,515	45,930,294	10,949,062	204,788,583	23,597,639
1910.	3,625	64,698,165	15,645,845	199,904,205	21,587,124
1915.	3,513	83,991,453	24,385,052	183,887,837	27,097,177
1916.	3,446	82,564,130	26,966,357	192,968,597	35,512,622

Estimated Total Dairy Production of Canada.—These statistics relate solely to the production of butter in creameries and of cheese in factories. They do not include butter made on the farm, which is sold under the general term of "dairy butter" and which constitutes the larger proportion of the total production. Nor do they include the small proportion of home-made cheese. There are no annual statistics of the production of home-made butter and cheese; but the Census of 1911 showed that in 1910 the total production of home-made butter was 137,110,200 lb., or 68 p.c. of the total butter production, viz., 201,808,365 lb., and that for cheese in the same year the home-made product amounted to 1,371,092 lb., or 0.7 p.c. of the total cheese production of 201,275,297 lb.

Under these conditions the total dairying output of Canada in other than census years can only be a matter of approximate calculation, based on the estimated number of milch cows, the factory production of butter and cheese and the exports and imports of all dairy products. In 1915 the estimated number of milch cows in Canada was 2,666,846 and in 1916 it was 2,608,345.¹ In 1911 the Census showed that the average production of milk per cow was 3,805 lb., or, at the rate of 10 lb.

¹As originally estimated. The number has been corrected to 2,833,433 to correspond with the census returns as in Tables 4 and 6.