

Statistics of the factory production of butter and cheese have formed part of the census of manufactures; but they have been limited to the number of employees and to the value of capital, salaries, wages, raw materials and products; they have not distinguished separately between butter and cheese. The total value of the products of butter, cheese and condensed milk factories was \$37,232,969 in 1910, as compared with \$29,731,922 in 1901 and \$10,780,379 in 1891, the year of first record. The first attempt to collect comprehensive statistics of the dairying industry was made in connection with the decennial census of 1901. This was followed in 1907 by a postal census of dairying and in 1911 by the decennial census of that year. In 1917 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Provincial Governments, began an annual inquiry into the production of creameries and cheese factories, the results of the first year's inquiry embracing the years 1915 and 1916. In 1918 the dairying statistics of 1917 were collected as part of a general census of industry. Table 24 combining all the records available, shows the production and value of creamery butter and factory cheese for each of the years 1900, 1907, 1910, 1915, 1916 and 1917.

24.—Production and Value of Creamery Butter and Factory Cheese, 1900, 1907, 1910, and 1915-17.

Year.	Source.	Estab- lish- ments.	Creamery Butter.		Factory Cheese.	
			No.	lb.	\$	lb.
1900..	Decennial Census. ....	3,576	36,066,739	7,240,972	220,833,269	22,221,430
1907..	Postal Census.....	3,515	45,930,294	10,949,062	204,788,583	23,597,639
1910..	Decennial Census. ....	3,625	64,698,165	15,645,845	199,904,205	21,587,124
1915..	Census and Statistics Office.....	3,513	83,991,453	24,385,052	183,887,837	27,097,177
1916..	Census and Statistics Office.....	3,446	82,564,130	26,966,357	192,968,597	35,512,622
1917..	Dominion Bureau of Statistics.. ..	3,418	87,404,366	34,227,188	194,904,336	41,170,563

The figures in Table 24 relate solely to the production of creamery butter and factory cheese; they do not include butter made on the farm and known as "dairy butter," which constitutes the larger proportion of the total production. Nor do they include the small proportion of home-made cheese. By adding together the quantities and values of the creamery and home-made butter we get a total butter production in Canada for 1910 of 202,796,699 lb., of the value of \$45,926,553, as compared with 141,409,815 lb. in 1900. Of cheese the total production in 1910 was 201,267,466 lb., of the value of \$15,798,881. No continuous annual statistics of the dairying industry being available before 1915, we must rely for further evidence of the progress of the industry upon the export returns of butter