the cold storage holdings of eggs during 1922 recorded the marked increase of 35 p.c. over the previous year. The cold storage stocks of butter and cheese increased 4 p.c. and 5 p.c. respectively during the same period. In Table 46 are included statistics by months for 1922 of the stocks of food in cold storage and in process of cure, for various important commodities.

46.—Stocks of Food on Hand in Cold Storage and in Process of Cure, by Months and Commodities, 1922.1

Months.				Beef.			
	Eggs.	Butter,	Cheese.	Fresh.	Cured.	In pro- cess of cure.	
	Dozen.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.			
1922.			- (١.		
January	1,988,884	11,629,530	15,540,495	25,682,928	245,369	162,366	
February	1,152,357	9,352,465	10,534,795	22,640,709	298, 202	158,646	
March	810,967	6,124,693	6,761,636	19,542,669	275,717	168,204	
April	1,460,963	2,421,196	4,364,842	17,817,092	246,736	165,979	
May	5,293,870		3,876,236	12,119,923	236,502	201,624	
June	12,241,551	2,955,217	5,917,657	13,206,940	198,565	207,677	
July	16,772,355	10,669,213	9,396,300	9,824,741	193,394	192,183	
August	18,095,237	19,038,027	16,783,349	8,606,593	96,845	183,854	
September	17,674,376	24,565,660	21, 176, 909	10, 198, 710	138,524	268,542	
October	16,254,901	24,635,390	18,524,404	15, 150, 520	222,733	128,989	
November	11,034,395	25,049,425	9,728,665	22,052,122	144,557	133,212	
December	6,533,199	19,897,626	8,337,763	27, 922, 352	160,429	210,872	
January	3,351,243	14,645,599	5.178,881	25, 255, 609	1,354,676	232,849	

	Pork.				Mutton.		
Months.	Fresh.	Cured.	In pro- cess of cure.	Lard.	and Lamb.	Oleo-mar- garine.	Poultry.
1922.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
January February March April May	10,526,290 10,263,059 11,207,913 12,403,311 10,612,606 9,140,481 9,569,018 6,705,942 4,250,096	6,345,701 11,192,075 8,192,622 7,694,162 7,963,823 8,372,596 7,414,934 8,157,212 8,200,746 4,788,154	10,772,445 10,434,378 10,235,881 10,421,230 11,800,842 10,091,124 7,512,505 9,842,933	1,780,337 2,427,680 2,787,202 2,607,518 2,718,200 2,976,801 1,695,048 1,610,959 1,690,052	5,022,557 4,071,456 2,725,114 1,444,055 852,720 603,736 591,428 820,950 1,277,160 4,508,045	211, 415 345, 688 164, 665 112, 363 122, 115 238, 080 122, 595 113, 977 134, 655 252, 782	5, 282, 226 4, 816, 766 3, 487, 143 2, 699, 155 2, 037, 167 1, 420, 857 1, 069, 235 733, 636 785, 432 1, 237, 911
January	10,550,966	10.461,605	7,663,737	2,439,533	6,461,717	195,535	5,984,932

¹Figures in this table are of stocks on hand on the first of each month.

5 —Coal.

In addition to the statistics of the supply and distribution of coal which are summarized in the Mines and Minerals section of the Year Book, the Internal Trade Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics receives a monthly return from whole-sale and retail dealers throughout Canada, showing receipts and stocks on hand, together with a statement of cost at the mine, with transportation and incidental charges, as well as prices. A monthly compilation of the return is made, stocks in store being compiled monthly for seaboard points and quarterly for the whole country. The distribution of coal by the retail dealers in Canada declined from 5.7 million tons in 1921 to 4.7 million tons in the following year. The provincial distribution through retail dealers for the two years is given in Table 47, and the average yearly retail prices from 1920 to 1922 for the principal cities are presented in Table 48.