

In addition, 25 cents a 100 pounds will continue to be paid for whole milk delivered for manufacturing purposes, exclusive of milk from producers who sell a portion of their milk in the fluid bottled milk market.

During 1959 butter production totalled 324 million pounds, 20 million pounds in excess of the consumption of 304 million pounds, and total stocks of butter as of May 1 will approach 75 million pounds.

In view of the potential surplus of butter, the Agricultural Stabilization Board is also being authorized to purchase some quantities of whole-milk powder as a means to reduce butter production and thereby bring production into a more realistic relationship with consumption. Production of whole-milk powder will divert milk from the manufacture of butter and skim-milk powder. The total quantity of whole-milk powder that will be purchased will depend on the trend of butter production during the year.

The Agricultural Stabilization Board will not purchase any skim-milk powder but the purchase of whole-milk powder will not only reduce the potential supply of butter but will, at the same time, reduce the amount of skim-milk powder manufactured. Ten pounds of whole-milk powder is equivalent to approximately three pounds of butter and 7.5 pounds of skim-milk powder.

During the past two years there has been a progressive decline in butter consumption in Canada, both in total quantity and *per capita*. The Department of Agriculture will therefore undertake a publicity and advertising campaign with a view to stimulating the consumption of butter.

REGIONAL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer price indexes decreased, in nine of the ten regional cities regularly surveyed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, during February and March 1960, with the Edmonton-Calgary index increasing a fractional 0.1 per cent. Declines ranged from 0.1 per cent in Winnipeg and Saskatoon-Regina to 0.8 per cent in Montreal. Lower food indexes were mainly responsible for movements in the total indexes, as foods declined in all ten cities. The decreases ranged from a fractional 0.1 per cent in Edmonton-Calgary to 2.3 per cent in Montreal. In contrast, clothing indexes rose in all ten cities, with increases ranging from 0.2 per cent in Montreal and Toronto to 2.3 per cent in Vancouver.

Shelter indexes showed mixed results, with five city indexes up from February levels, three unchanged, and two down. Household operation indexes rose in seven cities, remained unchanged in two and declined in St. John's. Group indexes for "other" commodities and services were lower in four of the ten regional cities, unchanged in three and higher in the other three.

TCA JET-LINERS

Trans-Canada Air Lines will operate one daily DC-8 jet flight and four daily "Super Constellation" flights across the continent this summer, providing Canadians with the greatest trans-continental capacity in its 23-year history.

In addition, the airline will provide daily trans-continental service with four "Viscount" and two "North Star" flights, according to the new summer schedule that becomes effective April 24.

This means more than 750 seats daily in each direction across the country.

The jet service, which began April 1, operates Montreal - Toronto - Vancouver. A second DC-8 jet flight, planned for later this year, will include Winnipeg.

TOURIST SERVICE

TCA will introduce tourist service to Saint John, New Brunswick, this summer for the first time, using "North Star" aircraft.

On the North Atlantic, the airline will offer in conjunction with BOAC some 25 round-trip flights a week, representing more than 3,000 seats in each direction and over 100 tons of freight capacity.

Jet service with the giant 550-mile-an-hour, 127-passenger DC-8's will begin between Montreal and the United Kingdom on June 1 on a daily basis, and a direct service between Toronto and the United Kingdom will begin on June 15.

Included in the trans-Atlantic summer schedule are two weekly "Super Constellation" flights, which began April 2, linking Halifax directly to the United Kingdom.

WEEKLY FLIGHTS

TCA will also operate five weekly round-trip "Super Constellation" flights this summer between Montreal and/or Toronto and continental European cities - Vienna, Dusseldorf, Zurich, Brussels and Paris - and a weekly Hudson Bay service with "Super Constellations" from Vancouver through Winnipeg to the United Kingdom.

On southern routes, TCA will operate a daily "North Star" tourist service between Toronto and Tampa during the summer for the first time. A weekly service will be provided by "Super Constellations" carrying both first-class and tourist-class passengers from Canada to Bermuda, Barbados and Trinidad.

In addition, there will be seven weekly round-trip "North Star" tourist services from Montreal and Toronto to the islands of the Caribbean and Bermuda during the summer months.

Besides these specific flights there will be the usual seasonal increase in capacity on many North American services and a decrease in flight frequencies to Bermuda, Florida and points in the Caribbean.