

PRODUCTION OF BREAD IN CANADA

March Statement Shows Slight Decrease in Cost— Statement of Principal Cities

The minister of labor reports the following statement, with tables, showing the cost of bread, as in the principal cities of the Dominion.

The consumption of flour for the month of March, covering the corresponding reports as in month of February, and allowing for the extra days in March, shows a decrease of 4,000 barrels of flour.

The average production cost stands for February, 6.85 cents, compared with 6.81 cents in March, or 1-25th of a cent less, which would indicate less ingredients used.

In the 23 groups of towns of manufacture, seven show increases in cost, eleven slight decreases, while five are stationary. On the whole, the changes are small, practically no change in Ottawa, a slight increase in Montreal, Toronto stationary. In western centres, Winnipeg, Port Arthur and Edmonton are practically the same as last month, while Calgary is slightly lower.

Statement of Cost by Cities.

The following statement shows the cost (in cents) of producing one pound of bread in the principal cities of Canada:—

Halifax, New Glasgow, Amherst and Sydney Mines, 6.422; St. John, N.B., 7.983; Montreal and Westmount, 7.441; Sherbrooke and St. Hyacinthe, 6.669; Ottawa, 6.369; Toronto, 6.557; Kingston, Belleville and Peterborough, 6.040; Hamilton, 6.705; Brantford, 6.460; St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, 6.653; London, 6.659; Guelph, Stratford and Kitchener, 7.126; St. Thomas, 6.299; Chatham, 6.655; Cobalt, 6.714; Port Arthur, 6.584; Winnipeg, 6.665; Moose Jaw, 7.414; Medicine Hat, 6.213; Edmonton, 6.788; Calgary, 6.357; Vic-

toria, Vancouver and New Westminster, 7.241. The Dominion average for March is 6.809 cents per pound.

The total bread produced during March, 1918, amounted to 18,114,521 lbs., and 15,167,055 lbs. were sold. The total flour manufactured during that month amounted to 69,193 lbs.

Flour Purchased.

The following statement shows the average cost of flour per barrel in March, 1918, compared with February of the same year:—

Locality.	February.	March.
Halifax, New Glasgow, Amherst and Sydney Mines	\$11.31	\$11.20
St. John, N.B.	11.20	11.15
Montreal and Westmount	10.89	11.11
Sherbrooke and St. Hyacinthe	11.00	11.03
Ottawa	10.92	10.80
Toronto	10.89	10.95
Kingston, Belleville and Peterborough	11.08	11.10
Hamilton	10.83	10.95
Brantford	10.82	10.83
St. Catharines and Niagara Falls	11.03	10.95
London	10.71	10.95
Guelph, Stratford and Kitchener	10.90	10.91
St. Thomas	10.48	11.02
Chatham	10.93	11.02
Cobalt	11.40	11.45
Port Arthur	10.46	10.52
Winnipeg	10.41	10.50
Moose Jaw	10.27	10.45
Medicine Hat	10.06	10.01
Edmonton	10.08	10.09
Calgary	10.00	10.21
New Westminster, Victoria and Vancouver	10.41	10.52

The total flour purchased during March, 1918, amounted to 60,492 barrels.

DOMINION SAVINGS BANKS

BANK	Deposits for Mar. 1918	Total Deposits	Withdraw- als for Mar. 1918	Balance on Mar. 30th, 1918.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
<i>Manitoba :—</i>				
Winnipeg.....	4,077.00	512,070.84	3,807.20	508,263.64
<i>British Columbia :—</i>				
Victoria.....	26,103.81	1,122,987.72	24,036.55	1,098,951.17
<i>Prince Edward Island :—</i>				
Charlottetown.....	27,452.00	1,850,753.36	30,311.93	1,820,441.43
<i>New Brunswick :—</i>				
Newcastle.....	1,894.00	239,830.65	7,977.83	231,562.82
St. John.....	57,835.44	4,649,370.68	71,534.82	4,577,835.86
<i>Nova Scotia</i>				
Amherst.....	145.00	102,267.12	404.85	101,862.24
Barrington.....	1,311.00	96,418.03	1,165.67	95,152.36
Guysboro'.....	51,113.02	2,379,768.90	35,775.22	2,343,993.68
Halifax.....	3,149.00	240,703.23	6,013.62	234,689.61
Kentville.....	3,072.00	438,715.74	10,292.81	428,422.93
Lunenburg.....	541.00	71,941.45	25.00	71,916.45
Pictou.....	1,360.86	219,895.75	2,745.12	217,150.63
Port Hood.....	289.40	79,077.91	564.68	78,413.23
Shelburne.....				
Sherbrooke.....				
Wallace.....				
Totals.....	178,313.23	12,003,638.45	191,755.30	11,808,883.15

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS

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BALANCE in hands of the Minister of Finance on 31st Dec., 1917..	\$ cts. 40,478,123.47	WITHDRAWALS during the month..... \$ cts. 1,521,038.12
DEPOSITS in the Post Office Savings Bank during month.....	843 317.29	
TRANSFERS from Dominion Government Savings Bank during month:—		
PRINCIPAL.....		
INTEREST accrued from 1st April to date of transfer... ..	.....	
DEPOSITS transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank of the United Kingdom to the Post Office Savings Bank of Canada	6,360.76	
INTEREST accrued on Depositors accounts and made principal on 31st March, 1917 (estimate) .....	.....	
INTEREST allowed to Depositors on accounts closed during month.....	13,832.26	
	41,341,663.78	BALANCE at the credit of Depositors' accounts on 31st Jan., 1918..... 39,820,625.66
		41,341,663.78

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Quotations furnished to The Monetary Times by A. J. Pattison Jr., & Co., Toronto.
(Week ended May 29th, 1918.)

	Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask
Abitibi Power.....com.	45	48	Can. Mortgage & Invest.	83		Ford Motor.....	210		Ont. Pulp..... 6's	76	79.50
.....pref.	80	90	Can Salt..... 6's	92.50		Goodyear Tire.....	170	195	Peoples Loan.....	80	90
Amer. Sales Book.....pref.	.....	90	Can. Timber & Land.....	96	110	Home Bank.....xd, 14	64		Robertson Screw, P. L.....	40	
Ashtdown Hardware..5's	85	92	Can. Westinghouse.....	105	120	Imperial Oil.....	268	285	Rosedale Golf.....	.....	315
Atlantic Sugar.....pref.	32.50	36.50	Chapman Ball Bearing.....	22	29.50	Imperial Trust.....	40		South Can. Power.....pref.	35	42.50
.....com.	9	16	Chinook Coal.....	.....	30	Lambton Golf Club.....	350	400	Sovereign Life.....	12.75	20
Belding Paul.....com.	12	16	Cocksbut Plow.....pref.	69	78	Maritime Coal.....com.	19	25	Sterling Bank.....	.....	82
.....pref.	77	84.50	Continental Life.....	17.50	25	Matthew-Blackwell.com.	42.50	50	Sterling Coal.....com.	14	16.50
Black Lake.....6's	22.50	25.50	Dom. Fire.....	18	23.50	Matthew Laing.....6's	94	97.50	bonds	69.50	73.50
Brompton Paper.....	52.25	54.50	Dom. F'dry & Steel 8% pf.	85	90	M'Donald.....pref.	76	80	St. Lawrence Sugar 6's.....	90	95
Burns & Co., P. 6's, 1931.	93	98	Dom. Glass.....pref.	75	82.50	Mexican North.....5's	7.50	11	Toronto Power 5's 1924.....	79.50	83
Can. Cereal & Flour Mill.....	.....	75	Dom. Iron 5's, 1939.....	73	77	Mississauga Golf.....	40	52.50	Toronto Carpet.....com.	87	.....
Can. Fairbanks.....pref.	85	92	Dom. Linseed Oil.....	70	.....	Morrow Screw.....6's	85.50	93	Toronto Paper.....6's	85	90
Can. Cons. Felt.....pref.	32	40	Dom. Power.....pref.	92	96.50	National Life.....	37	.....	Toronto York Rad.....5's	93	97.50
Can. L. & P.....5's	44	.....	.....com.	50	58.50	National Potash.....	1.50	.....	West. Assurance.....	7	8.75
Canada Machinery.....pref.	48.50	54	Dunlop Tire.....6's	95.50	100	North-Amer. Pulp.....	2.25	3.25	Wt. Can. Flour.....com.	100	125
.....bonds	75	82	Eastern Car.....6's	89	94.50	N. S. Steel, 6% deb.....	85	92	.....	.....	.....
Can. Marconi.....	1.25	2.00	pref.	45	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....