

## PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS.

The figures indicating the quantities of butter and cheese graded credit butter with an increase of 92 per cent., and cheese with an increase of 1 per cent over those of the previous year. The figures representing the exports do not altogether harmonize with these. The increase in butter and the decrease in cheese as shown by the export figures have each been to some extent affected by the overlapping of seasons so far as shipments are concerned. The grading figures are therefore a more satisfactory criterion for appraising the general position, although in the case of butter even these have to some extent appreciated, owing to the previous season's butter being used for local consumption last spring to a greater degree than usual. Not since 1917 had our butter-production shown an increase. For many years the comparative prices had been in favour of cheese; thus development was principally in that direction. As will be shown hereafter, circumstances this season were in favour of the production of butter, and the accompanying figures indicate how successful has been the effort of the Dominion's dairy-farmers toward increasing production.

*Export Statistics.*

The following tables indicate the exports of butter and cheese, in accordance with the various classes, grades, and destinations, for the year ended 31st March, 1921. The quantities graded appear in the last table. For purposes of computation, a box of butter has been taken as weighing 56 lb. and a crate of cheese as weighing 160 lb.

*Creamery Butter to United Kingdom.*

Port.				Total Packages.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.
Auckland	..	..	..	514,656	472,719	41,885	52
Gisborne	..	..	..	9,903	9,903	..	..
New Plymouth	..	..	..	112,988	112,187	801	..
Patea	..	..	..	32,481	26,510	5,971	..
Wanganui	..	..	..	35,826	25,405	10,421	..
Wellington	..	..	..	177,587	172,668	4,919	..
Lyttelton	..	..	..	62,083	59,277	2,806	..
Dunedin	..	..	..	36,505	32,041	4,464	..
Bluff..	..	..	..	6,524	6,524	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	988,553	917,234	71,267	52

*Whey Butter to United Kingdom.*

Port.				Total Packages.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.
Auckland	..	..	..	9,207	122	9,085	..
New Plymouth	..	..	..	9,431	6,896	2,535	..
Patea	..	..	..	12,278	9,681	2,597	..
Wanganui	..	..	..	1,567	108	1,459	..
Wellington	..	..	..	11,673	10,161	1,512	..
Lyttelton	..	..	..	578	393	185	..
Dunedin	..	..	..	1,976	1,860	116	..
Bluff..	..	..	..	676	671	5	..
Totals	..	..	..	47,386	29,892	17,494	..

*Dairy Butter to United Kingdom.*

Port.				Total Packages.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.
New Plymouth	..	..	..	135	50	85	..
Patea	..	..	..	9	9	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	144	59	85	..