

AVONMOUTH.

The consolidated rate includes dock dues, receiving at ship's rail, sorting to marks, delivery, and piling in cold store, redelivery to land conveyance alongside store, and seven days' rent.

Butter, per Ton of 35 Boxes.

Year.	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Remarks.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
1927 ..	12 11·2	19 2·2	25 5·2	31 8·2	..
1928 ..	12 11·2	17 11·2	20 11·2	25 11·2	Rent for each subsequent week, 4s.
1930 ..	12 0	17 0	22 0	27 0	Rent for each subsequent week, 4s.
1932 ..	11 7	16 7	21 7	26 7	..

Cheese, per Ton of Thirteen Crates.

Year.	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Remarks.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
1926 ..	12 8	18 11	25 5	31 5	Note.—Cheese was listed same as butter—4s. per week fifth and following weeks.
1928 ..	12 8	14 8	16 8	18 8	
1932 ..	12 3·8	14 3·8	16 3·8	18 3·8	

NOTE.—A contract for butter was signed with the Bristol Port Authority, in 1930 which does not take in cheese, but the rates mentioned apply for both commodities.

There is also a quay-side rate for immediate delivery—that is, produce must be lifted within seventy-two hours of ship discharging, no cold storage, the rate being 5s. 9¾d. per ton for both butter and cheese.

LIVERPOOL.

In 1926 the landing and storage rates on dairy-produce were as follows per ton :—

	Butter.	Cheese.
	s. d.	s. d.
Dock dues .. .. .	4 4	2 7
Master portorage .. .. .	3 9¼	4 8
Cartage docks to cold store .. .. .	5 0	5 0
Cold-storage rent—		
First fourteen days .. .. .	15 9	15 0
First twenty-one days .. .. .	22 3	17 6
First twenty-eight days .. .. .	27 6	20 0
The total charges first month .. .. .	40 7¼	32 3

1927 : The Board's Shipping Inspector took up with the Manager of the Mersey Dock Authority the anomaly of the master portorage rate for cheese as against butter, and eventually a reduction was obtained from 4s. 8d. to 3s. 3¾d., a saving of 1s. 4¼d. per ton.

Arrangements were also made for rates for storage on butter, as follows : First week, 11s. ; second week, 14s. ; third week, 20s. ; fourth week, 24s. The total cost, therefore, including one week's storage, was 24s. 1¼d.

1929 : In this year a contract was arranged with the Union Cold Storage Co. to handle all butter discharged on a similar basis to London—namely, a consolidated rate, including dock dues, master portorage, transport from dock to cold store, sorting to marks, redelivery to land vehicle, and one week's storage from first day of landing.

As above, 18s. 6d., a reduction of 5s. 7¼d. Rent for second and following weeks : per week, 6s.

1931 : A reduction of 3½ per cent. on the consolidated rate was made, bringing this rate to 17s. 10·2d. per ton.

1932 : The contract having expired, a new contract was arranged, the consolidated rate now being 16s. 6d. per ton, the second and following week's rent remaining at 6s. per ton.