

STUDIES ON BUFFALO MILK FAT OXIDATION

II.—The Variation in Peroxide, T.B.A., and Iodine Values, and other Constituents of Buffalo Milkfat During Autoxidation.

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The pattern of increase in the T.B.A. values, total carbonyls, conjugated dienes, and the free-mono-carbonyls contents are similar to that of the peroxide values, during the oxidation period in both butteroil and samn, while the iodine value takes an opposite trend.

There are positive significant correlations between the peroxide value and the T.B.A. values, total carbonyls, conjugated dienes, and free-mono-carbonyls classes in butteroil and samn.

Butteroil oxidizes more rapidly than samn, since it gives lower values for the peroxide, T.B.A., iodine values, total carbonyls, conjugated dienes, free-mono-carbonyls classes during autoxidation.

The corporation of atmospheric O_2 with milkfat, known as autoxidation, causes the development of oxidized flavour in milk, butter, and other dairy products. It is well known that when fat oxidizes, carbonyl compounds are formed which contributes mainly to the oxidized flavour defect. Most chemical tests used are termed indirect, since they do not measure the amount of the oxidized flavour compounds but measure other chemical properties indicative of the oxidation reactions. These tests, however, do not give good correlations with the sensory tests, which are necessary in quality control purposes. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to follow the oxidation process of buffalo milkfat by determining the peroxide values, T.B.A. test, I.V., conj. fatty acids, total carbonyls, and free monocarbonyl contents which are correlated with the autoxidation reactions and involved in the off-flavour deterioration.

Experimental and Methods of Analysis

Fresh buffalo milk samples were obtained from the herd of the Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University. The cream was separated, washed with hot distilled water, re-separated, and then churned to butter. A portion of the butter was melted at $55^{\circ}C$, washed several times with hot distilled water and the butteroil layer was separated and filtered. Another portion of the butter was converted to samn by the Boiling off-method. Both butteroil and samn were left to stand in a loosely covered flasks in a place in the laboratory where they were exposed to a maximum amount of diffused sunlight and air.

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The peroxide value (P.V.), conjugated fatty acids (conj. F.A.) were determined according to the AOCS method (1957), while the thiobaretric acid test (TBA) by the method of Patton, & Kurtz (1951), the iodine value (I.V.) by the British Pharmacopoeia method (1963), total carbonyls content by the method of Berry & Mc Kerrigan (1958) and the Premonocarbonyls (F.M.C.) by the method of Keith & Day (1963).

The P.V., T.B.A., and I.V. ; T.C. and Conj. F.A. contents of freshly prepared butteroil and samn were estimated. At the end of the induction period the F.M.C. were determined simultaneously with the previous determinations every 10 days for the first 100 days, then every 30 days over a period of 380 days, in order to follow the variations that took place during the oxidation process until it was completed.

Results and Discussion

Storing the butteroil or samn samples in diffused daylight and air was necessary to induce and accelerate their autoxidation (Badings, 1960 ; Keeney and Doan, 1951 ; and Lea, 1953).

The P.V. was determined and used as a quantitative test for measuring the quantity of peroxide formed (Badings, 1960 ; Holman, 1954 ; and Morris, 1954). Since it measures the peroxides ; the primary products of fat oxidations, therefore, it is not adequate in giving the history of the oxidation of the fat concerned. The T.B.A. test is more sensitive and was used to detect the early stages of autoxidation, and here or to establish its state of oxidation. Although, P.V. measure the amount of oxidation, yet, they do not estimate a specific determination of the oxidative rancidity which liable to appear at the different peroxide levels. Determining the carbonyl compounds will give more exact informations concerning the state of oxidation of the fat. The carbonyl compounds produced during oxidation are extremely complex, since they include volatile and non volatile, saturated and unsaturated compounds. However, the greatest part of them are non-volatile with high molecular weights, which are the precursors of the volatile odours substances (Berry and McKerrigan 1958 ; Gaddis, *et al.* 1959). Only the short chain volatile carbonyl compounds are the cause of the off-flavour that appear during the autoxidation of edible fats (Berry and McKerrigan, 1958 ; and Gaddis *et al.*, 1959). The U.V. light absorption characteristics of oxidized fats indicated that most of the mono-hydroperoxides formed during autoxidation were conjugated in nature. In addition, when oils containing linoleate or more highly unsaturated systems were oxidized the conjugated dienes systems increased parallel to the O₂ uptake and peroxide formation (Bading, 1960 ; Holman, 1954 ; Lea, 1953 ; and Morris, 1954).

The values and trend of increase of the P.V. and T.B.A. values ; as shown in tables 1 and 2 and Figs. 1 & 2, in butteroil and samn respectively, were relatively smooth during the induction period. A sharp rise in both values was followed and the increase continued until the 100 days of storage. After this period, it was noticed that the increase in both values were fast and with wide range of variations.

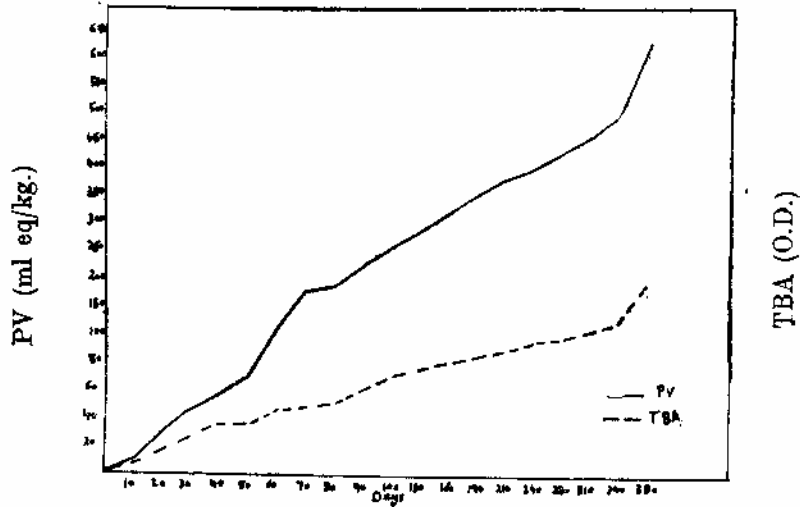


FIG. 1.—Increase of P.V. and TBA Values During Autoxidation of Buffalo Butteroil.

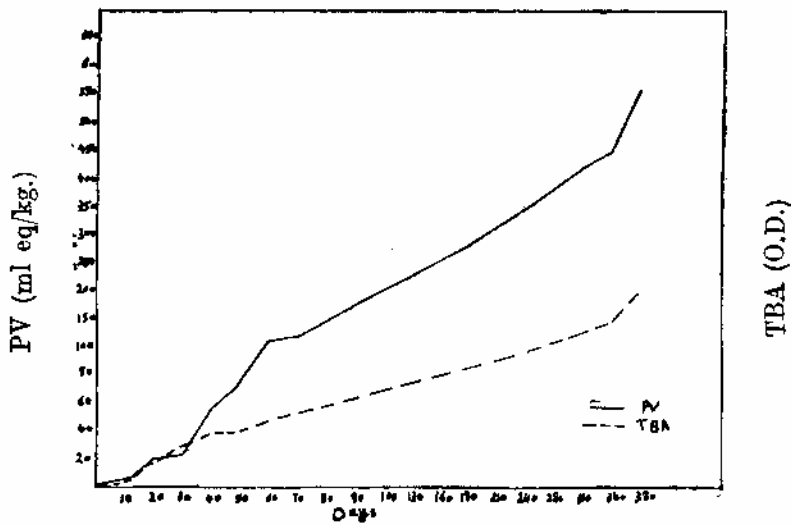


FIG. 2.—Increase of P.V. and TBA Values During Autoxidation of Buffalo Samne.

TABLE I.—AVERAGE VALUES OF PEROXIDE, T.B.A., IODINE, TOTAL CARBONYLS, CONJ. DIENE F.A., FREE-MONOCARBONYLS CLASSES OF BUTTEROIL, DURING AUTOXIDATION

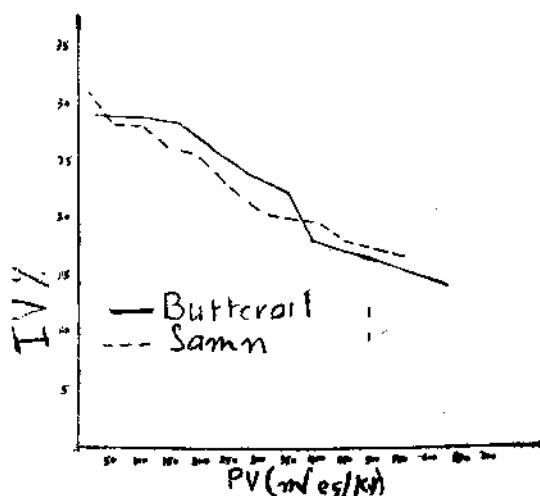
| | P.V. ml. Eq./kg. | TBA O.D. | I.V. % | T.C. m. mol/kg. S | U | Conj. diene F.A. % | F.M.C. m. mol./kg. ALK. | 2-Enals | 2,4-Dienals |
|-------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Fresh | — | — | 29.8674 | 42.5789 | — | 1.0103 | — | — | — |
| 3 | 3.7798 | .015 | 29.4173 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5 | 4.2749 | .020 | 30.1965 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 7 | 5.5750 | .023 | 30.3105 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10 | 7.3446 | .033 | 30.3165 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 12 | 9.094 | .038 | 30.1802 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 14 | 11.5449 | .040 | 30.1818 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 16 | 17.6030 | .059 | 30.0246 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 18 | 19.9279 | .065 | 29.5586 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 20 | 28.1353 | .080 | 28.9314 | 59.8534 | 2.9976 | 1.0721 | 49.4719 | 3.2838 | 1.3060 |
| 30 | 144.8248 | .116 | 28.6038 | 80.3997 | 7.2374 | 1.3102 | 43.3715 | 7.5217 | 3.9413 |
| 40 | 73.9619 | .171 | 27.9525 | 94.2965 | 12.1373 | 1.3128 | 57.3756 | 7.3673 | 3.7585 |
| 50 | 90.1619 | .178 | 28.2931 | 102.8069 | 13.7450 | 1.3179 | 62.2852 | 8.0982 | 4.2222 |
| 60 | 111.5140 | .218 | 28.9969 | 125.1205 | 18.3781 | 1.3523 | 74.7159 | 11.1751 | 5.4122 |
| 70 | 172.5216 | .241 | 28.5673 | 141.3913 | 21.9243 | 1.3849 | 87.8055 | 12.9069 | 6.2051 |
| 80 | 186.8433 | .257 | 26.6411 | 152.2764 | 24.7858 | 1.4973 | 101.9013 | 14.1769 | 7.0309 |
| 90 | 226.2466 | .291 | 26.4039 | 166.2929 | 27.7706 | 1.5425 | 113.6479 | 15.0033 | 8.3331 |
| 100 | 261.1199 | .349 | 25.1771 | 170.6285 | 28.4883 | 1.5523 | 126.4899 | 15.9131 | 9.5342 |
| 130 | 292.0825 | .380 | 23.8960 | 196.1576 | 32.0068 | 1.5696 | 134.4102 | 17.6636 | 11.0349 |
| 160 | 316.3780 | .404 | 22.5445 | 213.4942 | 34.9066 | 1.6415 | 149.1928 | 19.0290 | 13.5176 |
| 190 | 354.5749 | .427 | 21.7595 | 245.6823 | 40.6095 | 1.7655 | 157.3548 | 19.3939 | 13.6402 |
| 210 | 381.5710 | .452 | 19.9204 | 253.3140 | 40.7057 | 1.9321 | 158.2198 | 19.7137 | 14.3938 |
| 240 | 404.6938 | .476 | 28.2512 | 261.4931 | 43.4683 | 2.1270 | 179.7515 | 21.7733 | 17.5588 |
| 280 | 432.5407 | .489 | 17.7531 | 281.4665 | 46.6104 | 2.1228 | 192.6757 | 23.3019 | 17.9544 |
| 310 | 460.9211 | .521 | 17.0358 | 297.0185 | 50.1380 | 2.1926 | 202.7296 | 25.1037 | 19.8146 |
| 340 | 498.3474 | .554 | 16.5218 | 317.1925 | 53.9350 | 2.2347 | 238.4084 | 29.0899 | 22.8067 |
| 380 | 638.6287 | .701 | 14.2877 | 395.3755 | 58.2066 | 2.4769 | — | — | — |

TABLE 2.—AVERAGE VALUES OF PEROXIDE, TBA, IODINE, T.C., CONG. DIENE F.A., F.M.C. CLASSES IN SAMEN DURING AUTOXYDATION

| | P.V. ml. Eq. / kg. | TBA O.D. | I.V. % | T.C. m. mol./kg. S | U | Conj. diene F.A. % | F.M.C. mol. / kg. m. ALK. | 2-Enals | 2,4-Dienals. |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Fresh | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 3.9034 | .018 | 30.9801 | 32.6676 | | 1.1468 | | | |
| 5 | 4.1654 | .021 | 30.8443 | | | | | | |
| 7 | 5.4615 | .023 | 30.9277 | | | | | | |
| 10 | 6.8413 | .033 | 30.2731 | | | | | | |
| 12 | 6.7487 | .045 | 30.8050 | | | | | | |
| 14 | 9.6687 | .057 | 30.9799 | | | | | | |
| 16 | 12.7178 | .069 | 30.7863 | | | | | | |
| 18 | 12.3341 | .074 | 31.0944 | | | | | | |
| 20 | 19.6702 | .085 | 30.7414 | 45.4897 | 2.2879 | 1.1476 | | | |
| 30 | 32.0662 | .139 | 30.7890 | 47.7707 | 11.0638 | 1.1488 | 34.6419 | 5.2281 | 2.6260 |
| 40 | 57.0744 | .186 | 28.5439 | 76.8941 | 18.0803 | 1.3181 | 33.4629 | 5.4834 | 3.5138 |
| 50 | 72.2149 | .197 | 28.5533 | 90.5787 | 19.5722 | 1.4453 | 44.1518 | 5.6308 | 3.9458 |
| 60 | 106.6181 | .243 | 28.4017 | 100.3650 | 19.6069 | 1.6046 | 53.6313 | 6.2748 | 4.0189 |
| 70 | 119.7631 | .265 | 27.1685 | 105.9583 | 20.8792 | 1.5342 | 63.8387 | 7.3630 | 4.5531 |
| 80 | 148.9938 | .283 | 26.0949 | 119.0605 | 21.9992 | 1.5685 | 74.5809 | 8.5983 | 5.2490 |
| 90 | 176.8734 | .324 | 26.5087 | 131.5154 | 24.1771 | 1.6016 | 82.9311 | 9.5593 | 6.0360 |
| 100 | 201.3485 | .353 | 25.5663 | 144.8713 | 25.3225 | 1.6568 | 91.7794 | 10.7802 | 6.7026 |
| 130 | 227.3307 | .379 | 23.9071 | 167.0485 | 27.2883 | 1.7697 | 99.0908 | 11.5124 | 7.2780 |
| 160 | 247.0534 | .402 | 22.8113 | 182.4189 | 29.7843 | 1.8191 | 111.0860 | 12.4120 | 7.8972 |
| 190 | 284.6647 | .428 | 21.6714 | 217.5154 | 31.9530 | 1.8764 | 120.5626 | 13.5240 | 8.3168 |
| 210 | 314.9060 | .451 | 20.2892 | 231.5826 | 34.0481 | 1.9947 | 142.8989 | 15.5541 | 10.4810 |
| 260 | 378.4298 | .521 | 19.9077 | 252.7338 | 43.2094 | 2.1074 | 154.0296 | 16.5804 | 11.5746 |
| 310 | 416.6861 | .551 | 18.8216 | 271.5827 | 45.1629 | 2.1393 | 163.0658 | 18.1782 | 12.4229 |
| 340 | 447.6091 | .597 | 18.3882 | 271.5827 | 49.476 | 2.2473 | 172.8502 | 19.2749 | 13.2663 |
| 380 | 564.1923 | .685 | 16.6433 | 337.5165 | 54.4625 | 2.2842 | 205.0839 | 20.1119 | 15.3219 |

Opposite to the P.V.; the I.V. decreased during the storage; Fig. 3. and did not show noticeable variations during the induction period. It then decreased slightly with ununiform fluctuations till the 80 days where it dropped suddenly. The decline that was followed was more pronounced during the rest of storage period.

FIG. 3.—Relationship of P. V., and I. V. During Autoxidation of Buffalo Butteroil and Samn.



In the conjugated unsaturated fatty acids, only the variations in the conj. dienes concentrations were of value in the autoxidation of fats, since they constituted the major part of the conj. unsaturated acids. However, the increase in both butteroil and samn followed similar trend as the P.V. as shown in Fig. 4.

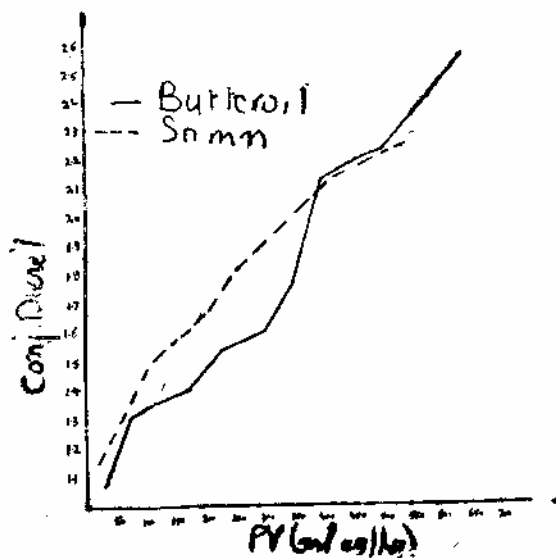


FIG. 4.—Relation ship of P. V., and Conj. Dienes During Autoxidation of Buffalo Butteroil and Samn.

Immediately after the end of the induction period, both the P.V. and T.B.A. values increased rapidly indicating a progressive and fast oxidation of the fat. Moreover; the increase in both values was significantly positive and parallel. On the other hand the I.V. showed an opposite trend as it decreased during the oxidation process. However, the decrease was slight at the early stages of storage but became more pronounced later after almost 100 days. These findings agreed with those of Achaya, 1947; Necheav, 1956; Kartha, 1957, 1958; and Glimm *et al.*, 1939), while disagreed with those of Naegamwala, *et al.*, 1954; and Nelson and Dahle, 1940), who noted that the I.V. of milkfat did not decrease during the period of greatest increase in P.V.

The relation between the increase in P.V. and the increase in conj. dienes systems was positively significant in both butteroil and samn. This indicated that during the advancement of the autoxidation process the conj. dienes systems increased. This relation was confirmed by several investigators (Badings, 1960; Holman, 1954; Lea 1953, Morris, 1954; and Lundberg, *et al.*, 1946) as they pointed out that the increase in the conjugated unsaturated systems containing carbony groups or the conjugated polyenes formed from these systems were directly proportional to the peroxide contents during the autoxidation of fats. To the contrary, Otake (1961), claimed that the diene and triene acids of fresh butterfat were not affected by oxidation.

There were adequate evidences to suggest that measuring the amounts of the carbonyl compounds would give exact informations concerning the state of oxidation of the fat, which was found to be in the line with the development of off-flavours. The freshly prepared milkfat samples contained only saturated carbonyl compounds. After the end of the induction period the unsaturated carbonyls developed in the samples in small concentrations. Both the saturated and unsaturated carbonyls increased as the oxidation advanced. Statistical analysis of the data indicated that there was a close association between the total carbonyls and the peroxide value of the fat (Fig. 5). These results agreed with those of Gaddis *et al.* (1959), who claimed that there was a linear relationship between the total, and mono-carbonyls on one hand, and the peroxide value on the other hand, in both heated and unheated Pork fat.

In the early stages of oxidation, the rate of increase in total unsaturated carbonyls in samn exceeded those of butteroil. Saturated carbonyls, on the other hand, showed an opposite trend Gaddis *et al.* (1959), found the same when they heated Pork fat, the unsaturated carbonyls increased with a more rapid rate than those of unheated fat. At the advanced stages of oxidation, however, both saturated and unsaturated carbonyls increased with approximate equal rates in butteroil and samn. This disagreed with the results of Graddis, *et al.* (1959), who found that in advanced oxidation the formation of carbonyls of unheated Pork fat exceeded that of heated fat.

In general, butteroil contained more saturated carbonyls, and increased more rapidly than in samn. The unsaturated carbonyls, however, were found in approximate equal amounts in both. At the advancement of storage, they increased more rapidly in butteroil than in samn. They also constituted a

higher percentage of the total carbonyls in samn than in butteroil, as they were 5 % of total carbonyls after 20 days, and increased to 14 % at the end of the storage period, but in butteroil, they were 4 % increased to 12 % at the same respective periods.

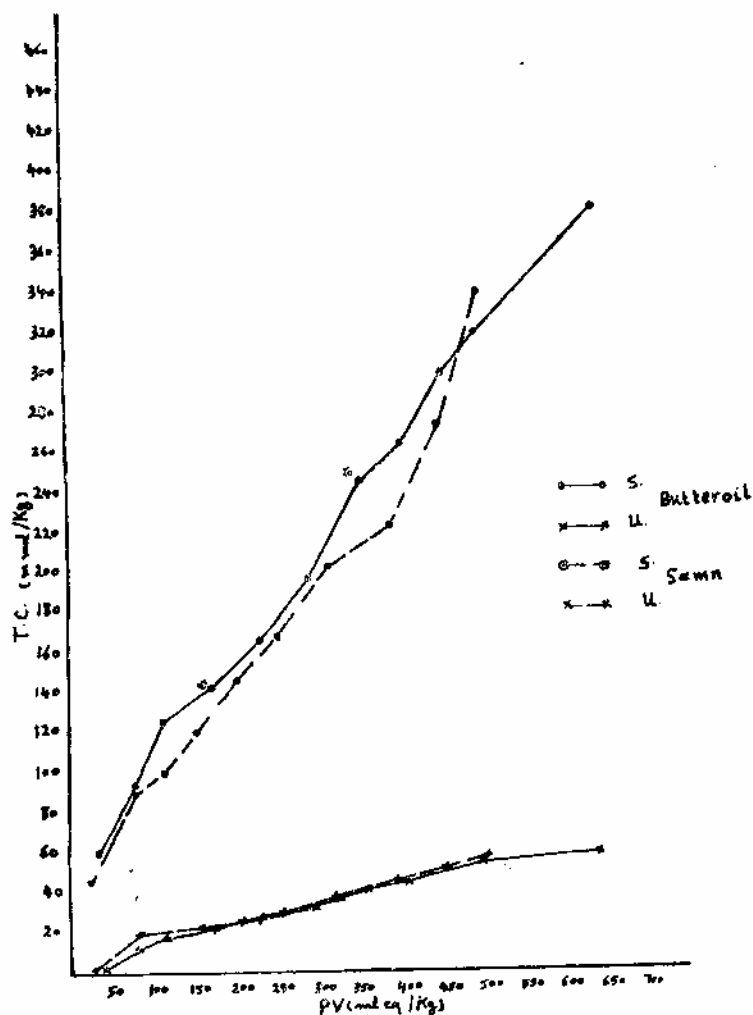


FIG. 5.—Relationship of P.V. and Total Carbonyls During Autoxidation of Buffalo Butteroil and Samn.

The free mono-carbonyls; the volatile fraction, was identified mainly to 3 classes as: (a) alkanals: saturated aldehydes and methyl ketones, (b) alk-2-enals, and (c) alk-2,4-dienals. The interrelationship between the peroxide value and the free-monocarbons was highly significant with positive correlation. (Fig. 6). These findings were confirmed by the results by Gaddis, *et al.* (1959). They reported that the peroxide-monocarbonyl relationship tended to be linear especially in the early stages of oxidation, and all the mono-carbonyl classes increased smoothly with oxidation. The unsaturated mono-carbonyl classes formed a higher percentage of the monocarbonyls fraction in samn than in butteroil. The 2-enals formed 12 % and the 2,4-dienals formed 6 % in case of samn, while they were 7 % and 3 % respectively in butteroil. With advancing oxidation, all the 3 classes increased with a more rapid rate in butteroil than in samn. Also, the ratio of the 2-enals, and 2,4-dienals were higher in butteroil than in samn; 10 % and 9 % respectively in butteroil and 9.5 % and 7.0 % respectively in samn. These results agreed with those reported by Gaddis, *et al.* (1959), as they found that the 2,4-dienals class increased rapidly in the monocarbonyls fraction of heated fat, but it tended to decrease slightly with advanced oxidation.

In general, it is fairly clear that heating of milk fat, as in samn was accompanied by some loss in the carbonyls content, especially the volatile monocarbonyls. This was shown by the higher concentrations of these compounds in fresh butteroil than in fresh samn. This assumption was confirmed by Gaddis, *et al.* (1961), who reported that the greater formation of carbonyls of unheated Pork fat than those of heated fat was partly due to their volatilization and decomposition.

It was also clear that butteroil oxidized more rapidly than samn. This conclusion was reached from several facts which were noticed along the course of their autoxidation. First, the P.V. & T.B.A. values increased more rapidly than those of samn. Second, the rate of saturated carbonyls formation was faster and higher in concentration in butteroil than in samn, keeping in mind, however, that fresh butteroil had higher concentrations of these compounds to start with. Third, the rate of increase in conjugated dienes, 2-enals, and 2,4-dienals was more in butteroil than in samn, inspite of the fact that fresh butteroil were contained less amounts of them than in fresh samn. Forth, alkanals were formed in a faster rate in butteroil than in samn. Fifth, the decrease in I.V. were more noticeable.

These results would be explained on the basis that the temperature encountered the Boiling-Off process of making samn seemed to be enough to stabilize the fat against oxidation and decomposition. Thus the component fatty acids would polymerize or isomerise and leading to the formation of conjugated systems or long chain compounds which were probably difficult to oxidize than the non-conjugated systems present in butteroil (Badings, 1960; Burger and wideman, 1952; Lundberg, *et al.*, 1946; and Markeley, 1961). Also, it is possible that the temperature involved in making samn is high enough to induce the production of active sulfhydryl groups which would act as antioxidants (Aurand, *et al.*, 1959). Furthermore, the temperature of processing would inactive the xanthine oxidase enzymes found in

butter which was considered responsible for the oxidation of the fat (Aurand *et al*, 1959 ; and Smith and Dunkley, 1962). It is a fact also that some fat soluble vitamins would act as pro-oxidants when present in evidently small amounts (Smith and Dunkley 1962¹, 1962² ; and El-Negoumy and Hammond, 1962). Thus, during the preparation of butteroil, little proportions of these vitamins might diffuse and accelerate the oxidation during storage.

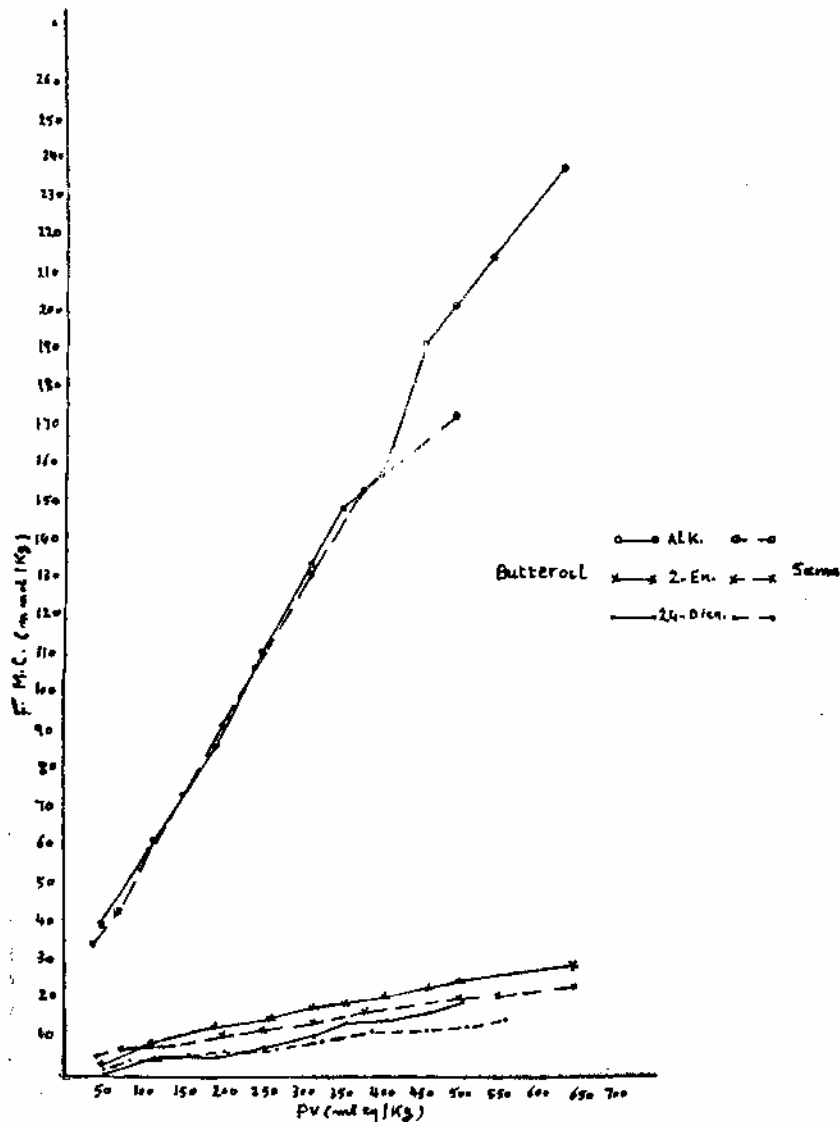


FIG. 6.—Relationship of P.V., and Free-Mono Carbonyls Classes of Buffalo Butteroil and Samn.

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المخلص

كانت الزيادة فى كل من رقم حامض الثيوباربيتوريك والمركبات الكربونيلية والمركبات غير المشبعة ثنائية الرابطة الزوجية المتبادلة والمركبات الكربونيلية المتطايرة تسير فى اتجاه مماثل للزيادة فى رقم البيروكسيد بينما كان الرقم اليودى يأخذ اتجاه مضاد اثناء فترة الاكسدة فى كل من دهن الزبد المسيل والسمن . وكذلك هناك ارتباط معنوى وموجب بين كل من رقم البيروكسيد من جهة وبين رقم حامض الثيوباربيتوريك والمركبات الكربونيلية والمركبات ثنائية الرابطة الزوجية المتبادلة والمركبات الكربونيلية المتطايرة خلال فترة الاكسدة . وكانت عملية الاكسدة الذاتية فى دهن الزبد المسيل تسير بمعدل اسرع من مثيلتها فى السمن وذلك يتضح من التركيزات المنخفضة فى كل من رقم البيروكسيد وحامض الثيوباربيتوريك والرقم اليودى والمركبات الكربونيلية والمركبات غير المشبعة ثنائية الرابطة الزوجية المتبادلة والمركبات الكربونيلية المتطايرة التى توجد فى السمن اثناء مراحل الاكسدة .