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SUMMARY OF CANAL STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER COMPILED BY THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF THE DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Dec 1920

SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL

The Canadian Lock at Sault Ste. Marie closed December 22nd at the United States Locks on December 26th. This was 8 and 11 days respectively later than last year and there was a corresponding increase in the traffic handled during the month. The total cargos for both canals being 1,506,196 tons against 1,499,192 tons last year. The big increase being in wheat with an increase of 19,218,739 bushels over last year.

For the season there was a decrease in the traffic through the Canadian Lock 2,477,786 tons against 4,138,085 tons but for both Canadian and United States Locks there was an increase of 11,043,220 tons or 79,279,598 tons against 68,235,668 tons. The total for 1918 was 85,680,327 tons, for 1917 was 89,813,898 tons for 1916 was 91,888,219 tons.

The total wheat for the season through both canals was 143,456,487 bushels against 113,734,848 an increase of 29,721,639 bushels or 26 per cent. Iron Ore also showed a big increase being 56,780,498 tons against 46,922,792 tons soft coal showed a slight increase 12,096,993 tons against 11,461,962 tons.

The number of passengers was the largest since 1913, being 68,451 against 53,992. In 1913 the total was 77,194 passengers.

There was an increase of 7% in the number of vessels using the canal 18,847 against 17,587. The net tonnage increased 16 per cent 53,194,083 against 50,089,090 and the total cargos also increased 16 per cent as given above.

WELLAND CANAL

The Welland Canal closed December 12th, two days later than last year, but there was a slight decrease in traffic for the month 11,497 tons against 15,623 tons.

For the season there was an increase of 105,293 tons, the totals being 2,275,072 and 2,170,779 tons.

The big increase was in soft coal 1,383,361 tons against 984,766, an increase of 398,595 tons. Pulpwood increased 79,681 tons or 166,178 tons against 86,497.

There was a decrease in wheat of 6,362,530 bushels or 11,884,900 bushels against 18,247,430 bushels. Barley also decreased 89,144 tons or 45,887 tons against 135,031 tons. Oats decreased 16,118 tons, Rye 29,496 tons and Flour 16,444 tons. Iron and Steel was 5,085 tons against 20,438 tons and Petroleum and Oils 107,205 tons against 147,449 tons. The grain movement on the Welland Canal was affected by the large shipments going via Buffalo for American markets and export via American Ports. Since September 1st, over 48,000,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped from Port Arthur and Fort William to Buffalo.

ST. LAWRENCE CANAL

THE St. Lawrence Canal showed increases for both December and for the season. The Canal closed December 10th one day earlier than last year. The total traffic on the canal December was 22,551 tons against 21,540 tons in 1919.

REPORT OF DANIEL W. WATSON FOR THE YEAR 1923  
PORTATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GENERAL STATEMENT

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The total for the season was 3,067,962 tons against 2,891,619 tons an increase of 176,343 tons.

The big increase was in soft coal 393,084 tons, the totals being 1,416,441 tons against 1,023,357 tons. Fuelwood showed an increase 408,475 tons against 316,935 tons. The grains nearly all show decreases. Barley was 45,755 tons against 130,568 tons, Oats 19,890 against 48,963 tons, Wheat 334,840 tons against 552,875 tons, a decrease of 168,035 tons or 5,601,160 bushels.

The vessel tonnage was 3,675,279 against 3,876,945 a decrease of 201,666 tons principally in United States steam vessels. The passengers carried also decreased being 62,397 against 72,006.

The Ottawa, Rideau, Trent and Chambly Canals closed the later part of November and the Murray on December 2nd.

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