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SUMMARY OF CANAL STATISTICS

FOR

JUNE 1921

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The traffic on the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals increased 37 and 35 per cent respectively but the traffic on the other canals show considerable decreases compared with June last year. Traffic on the Chambly decreased 58 per cent, on the Trent 54 per cent, on the Murray 43 per cent, on the Rideau 31 per cent, on the Sault Ste. Marie 30 per cent, on the Ottawa 17 per cent and on the St. Peters 15 per cent. The cumulative figures since the opening of navigation show much the same conditions, the traffic on the Welland and St. Lawrence show increases of about 50 per cent while the other canals show decreases from 5 to 45 per cent.

The falling off in the iron ore shipments accounted for practically all the decrease in traffic through the Sault Ste. Marie Canals. The increases in traffic through the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals were in petroleum and oils, anthracite coal and in grains. There were several factors contributing to the increases in the grain shipments; the large crop last fall left a quantity of grain in elevators with the close of navigation, considerable United States corn was moved through to Montreal during June, and the Canadian grain that was being exported to the United States via Buffalo and other Lake Erie ports was more or less diverted by the duty of 35 cents per bushel imposed by the United States Emergency Tariff effective the latter part of May. Canadian grain to Buffalo and other Lake Erie ports during April amounted to 3,701,350 bushels, during May to 3,055,934 bushels and during June to only 1,007,218 bushels.

In the following tables are given the main items of traffic on each canal.

	June 1921	June 1920
<u>SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL</u>		
<u>Canadian Lock</u>		
Vessels	No. 498	494
Registered Tonnage	428,281	710,424
Passengers	5,885	5,791
Oats	Tons 59,084	15,589
Wheat	" 43,279	25,693
Flour	" 45,458	29,094
Pulpwood	" 3,000	10,338
Soft Coal	" 17,785	24,525
Iron Ore	" nil	140,608
Total Freight	" 216,164	296,946

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SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL

Canadian and American Locks

Vessels		1,822	2,637
Registered Tonnage		4,753,367	8,196,763
Passengers		8,803	9,387
<u>Down</u>			
Wheat	Bushels	10,412,485	5,963,653
Other Grains	"	11,176,618	3,091,618
Iron Ore	Tons	3,892,791	8,707,350
<u>Up</u>			
Soft Coal	"	3,027,177	966,382
Hard Coal	"	247,048	271,020
Total Freight		8,078,919	10,647,571

WELLAND CANAL

Vessels		577	482
Registered Tonnage		502,643	375,964
Corn	Tons	120,111	nil
Rye	"	17,375	2,240
Wheat	"	131,907	78,173
Petroleum & Oils	"	13,732	12,759
Pulpwood	"	22,188	24,419
Soft Coal	"	130,609	193,904
Total Freight		467,778	340,711

ST. LAWRENCE CANAL

Vessels		1,454	1,142
Registered Tonnage		690,820	513,359
Passengers		6,921	9,128
Corn	Tons	109,699	1,205
Rye	"	16,718	490
Wheat	"	130,516	78,754
Petroleum & Oils	"	28,903	6,502
Pulpwood	"	62,259	69,611
Hard Coal	"	39,136	43,629
Soft Coal	"	129,659	167,826
Total Freight		596,976	443,975

OTTAWA CANAL

Vessels		324	245
Registered Tonnage		43,276	41,604
Total Freight	Tons	30,669	37,090

RIDEAU CANAL

Vessels		246	379
Registered Tonnage		16,781	26,017
Total Freight	Tons	15,693	22,733

TRENT CANAL

Vessels		725	930
Registered Tonnage		25,459	30,309
Passengers		16,816	17,780
Total Freight	Tons	5,274	11,514

CHAMBLY CANAL

Vessels		161	254
Registered Tonnage		19,254	31,369
Total Freight	Tons	20,292	48,420

ST. PETERS CANAL

Vessels		144	177
Registered Tonnage		10,237	12,000
Total Freight	Tons	8,500	10,062

MURRAY CANAL

Vessels		77	109
Registered Tonnage		10,830	22,521
Total Freight	Tons	12,300	21,808

ST. ANDREWS CANAL

Vessels		19	39
Registered Tonnage		5,454	5,008
Total Freight	Tons	1,040	1,093