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FOR
MAY 1923.

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Sault Ste. Marie

Canadian and American Locks opened for traffic on May 22nd, a fortnight later than in 1922. Vessel tonnage increased over 100 per cent compared with corresponding month last year. The total freight tonnage for May was 10,646,241 tons, an increase of 7,330,786 tons over 1922. The two chief factors in the increase were the large shipments of coal and iron ore. Shipments of Canadian grain from Fort William and Port Arthur for May were as follows:--

Wheat--427,049,987 bushels, Oats--4,209,591 bushels, Barley--954,469 bushels
Flax--50,530 bushels, Rye--257,904 bushels, making a total of 32,522,481 bushels of which 22,804,802 bushels were shipped in Canadian bottoms and 9,717,679 bushels in American bottoms. Of the total Canadian grain from Fort William and Port Arthur 9,429,323 bushels were destined to United States ports.

Welland Canal

Both vessel and freight tonnage show a decrease as compared with May 1922 the former of 54,043 tons and the latter of 38,449 tons. The greatest decline was in Corn--119,954 tons, and the largest increase in Wheat--75,416 tons. Soft Coal increased 56,576 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals

Vessel tonnage decreased 3082 tons, while freight showed a falling off of 38,154 tons. The decrease and the increases were similar to those on the Welland Canal.

The following tables show the principal items of traffic on the several canals for the month--

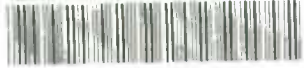
SAULT STE. MARIE CANALCanadian & American Locks

		May 1923	May 1922
Vessels	No.	2,390	1,305
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	7,927,574	2,148,516
Passengers	No.	787	957
Flour	Bbls.	1,042,240	1,155,180
Wheat	Bus.	37,022,967	24,649,831
Other Grains	Bus.	9,681,075	26,674,409
Iron Ores	Tons.	6,094,064	1,379,850
Soft Coal	Tons.	22,622,357	202,988
Hard Coal	Tons.	239,360	2,100
Total Freight	Tons.	10,646,241	3,315,455

SAULT STE. MARIE CANALCanadian Lock

		May 1923	May 1922
Vessels	No.	441	392
Registered Tonnages	Tons.	830,054	492,319
Passengers	No.	765	822
Barley	Tons.	8,593	9,755
Oats	Tons.	28,857	28,725
Wheat	Tons.	113,544	32,290
Flour	Tons.	65,672	50,857
Total Freight	Tons.	295,061	167,954

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Welland Canal

Vessels	No.	555	563
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	444,934	498,577
Barley	Tons.	14,427	23,842
Corn	Tons.	22,008	141,962
Oats	Tons.	33,135	32,640
Wheat	Tons.	227,233	151,872
Palpwood	Tons.	8,520	4,381
Soft Coal	Tons.	87,040	30,464
Total Freight	Tons.	432,754	471,203

St. Lawrence Canal

Vessels	No.	1,345	1,176
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	604,786	607,788
Passengers	No.	1,027	1,649
Barley	Tons.	10,527	23,555
Corn	Tons.	21,421	144,014
Oats	Tons.	28,281	35,010
Rye	Tons.	8,259	34,032
Wheat	Tons.	201,215	152,650
Petroleum and Oils	Tons.	16,827	14,616
Palpwood	Tons.	20,792	20,184
Saved Lumber	Tons.	13,907	7,925
Hard Coal	Tons.	35,122	1,200
Soft Coal	Tons.	83,940	34,708
Sand	Tons.	18,400	17,977
Total Freight	Tons.	490,214	528,363

Ottawa Canal

Vessels	No.	260	246
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	34,758	31,580
Passengers	No.	930	1,400
Total Freight	Tons.	25,206	19,252

Rideau Canal

Vessels	No.	246	336
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	14,148	18,474
Passenger	No.	209	242
Total Freight	Tons.	10,195	14,554

Chambly Canal

Vessels	No.	124	197
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	19,587	21,242
Passengers	No.	30	37
Total Freight	Tons.	27,171	14,636

Wheat Canal

Vessels	No.	86	173
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	4,227	7,453
Passengers	No.	442	1,141
Total Freight	Tons.	836	1,973

Manitou Canal

Vessels	No.	94	46
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	2,005	2,855
Passengers	No.
Total Freight	Tons.	381	260

St. Peter's Canal

Vessels	No.	73	116
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	4,435	7,709
Passengers	No.	22	12
Total Freight	Tons.	2,718	5,996

St. Andrews Canal

Vessels	No.	9	1
Registered Tonnage	Tons.	1,961	535
Passengers	No.
Total Freight	Tons.	302