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SUMMARY OF CANAL STATISTICS
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Sault Ste. Marie Canals.

During August 14,353,090 tons of freight passed through the Canadian and American locks at Sault Ste. Marie, which was an increase over August last year of 4,068,335 tons or 40 per cent. Iron ore shipments totalled 10,484,858 tons or 93 per cent of the down bound traffic with wheat aggregating 9,602,238 bushels, other grains 8,664,377 bushels and flour 1,491,900 barrels. Canadian grain through the canals consisted of 5,912,188 bushels of wheat, 2,584,318 bushels of barley, 1,936,132 bushels of oats, 1,545,952 bushels of rye and 42,048 bushels of flax, all of which was carried in Canadian vessels, 9,408,526 bushels going to Canadian ports and 2,612,112 bushels to United States ports.

Welland Canal.

Traffic through the Welland Canal aggregated 629,902 tons which was an increase over last year of 30 per cent. The largest increase was in bituminous coal down bound which totalled 129,360 tons as against 16,803 tons during August 1922. Wheat and corn showed decreases but oats and rye shipments increased.

St. Lawrence Canals.

Traffic on the St. Lawrence Canals also showed an increase of 25 per cent, owing to increases in barley of 31,009 tons, oats of 18,144 tons, rye of 4,066 tons, anthracite coal of 55,136 tons and bituminous coal of 94,762 tons, while corn showed a decrease of 36,547 tons and pulpwood a decrease of 17,622 tons. Passenger traffic also increased 5,777 passengers.

The following tables show summaries of the traffic on the several canals:

<u>Sault Ste. Marie</u> <u>Canadian & American Locks</u>		August 1923	August 1922
Vessels	No.	3,339	3,043
Registered Tonnage	Tons	10,590,401	9,278,433
Passengers	No.	20,665	22,040
Flour	Barrels	1,491,900	1,203,450
Wheat	Bushels	9,602,238	9,121,860
Other Grains	"	8,664,377	13,554,210
Iron Oress	Tons	10,522,266	8,936,377
Soft Coal	"	2,579,225	195,491
Hard Coal	"	231,141	-----
Total Freight	"	14,353,090	10,284,755

<u>Sault Ste. Marie</u> <u>Canadian Lock</u>			
Vessels	No.	525	612
Registered Tonnage	Tons	786,064	738,879
Passengers	No.	12,337	12,267
Barley	Tons	18,398	7,690
Oats	"	19,835	22,732
Wheat	"	48,922	36,221
Flour	"	64,529	50,873
Total Freight	"	266,080	231,531

Welland Canal

Vessels	No.	838	533
Registered Tonnage	Tons	639,075	468,437
Barley	"	52,677	11,031
Corn	"	13,866	36,911
Oats	"	30,461	11,890



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		August 1923	August 1922
Wheat	Tons	263,460	283,361
Pulpwood	"	36,834	53,390
Soft Coal	"	129,360	16,803
Total Freight	"	629,902	482,263

St. Lawrence Canal

Vessels	No.	1,966	1,774
Registered Tonnage	Tons	904,342	754,761
Passengers	No.	32,868	27,091
Corn	Tons	6,048	42,595
Oats	"	31,349	13,205
Rye	"	30,427	8,882
Wheat	"	291,790	287,724
Petroleum & Oils	"	13,146	13,467
Pulpwood	"	63,016	80,638
Hard Coal	"	55,136	-----
Soft Coal	"	142,744	53,982
Sand	"	30,144	26,573
Total Freight	"	771,923	616,261

Ottawa Canal

Vessels	No.	385	352
Registered Tonnage	Tons	60,959	57,332
Passengers	No.	9,320	6,275
Total Freight	Tons	33,161	34,524

Rideau Canal

Vessels	No.	396	359
Registered Tonnage	Tons	17,538	18,305
Passengers	No.	3,153	2,706
Total Freight	Tons	12,048	14,630

Chambly Canal

Vessels	No.	233	242
Registered Tonnage	Tons	26,349	27,501
Passengers	No.	199	156
Total Freight	Tons	34,325	29,237

Trent Canal

Vessels	No.	633	930
Registered Tonnage	Tons	29,595	34,417
Passengers	No.	22,891	28,840
Total Freight	Tons	7,039	8,338

Murray Canal

Vessels	No.	207	113
Registered Tonnage	Tons	22,189	1,754
Passengers	No.	1,869	362
Total Freight	Tons	529	506

St. Peters Canal

Vessels	No.	172	117
Registered Tonnage	Tons	12,664	7,946
Passengers	No.	204	176
Total Freight	Tons	8,629	5,647

St. Andrews Canal

Vessels	No.	59	42
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,492	8,269
Passengers	No.	---	720
Total Freight	Tons	7,130	4,252