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SUMMARY OF CANAL STATISTICS

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SAULT STE. MARIE CANALS:

Eastbound traffic through the Canadian and United States locks was heavier than last year by 915,052 tons; flour, other grains and iron ore all showing substantial gains. Westbound shipments of coal, both bituminous and anthracite showed a marked decline dropping from 2,622,357 tons and 241,460 tons respectively to 1,138,398 and 61,084 tons. Wheat coming down just held its own against May, 1923. Earlier opening of navigation this year allowed considerable grain to get out during April.

WELLAND CANAL

Total traffic was greater by 262,581 tons or 60 per cent. Bituminous coal cargoes fell off 33,832 tons or 39 per cent, sugar 1,010 tons, corn 7,025 tons, but practically all other commodities recorded increases. Wheat cargoes were heavier by 245,896 tons or 8,196,500 bushels, rye by 14,714 tons, oats by 1,157 tons and barley by 1,214 tons. Petroleum and oils increased 14,305 tons; iron and steel 5,226 tons and merchandise 9,008 tons. During the month 5,669,100 bushels of wheat moved down from Buffalo. 388,300 bushels of this were United States wheat and 5,280,800 bushels were Canadian wheat for Montreal. Canadian vessels carried 4,001,500 bushels of the latter and the remainder, 1,279,300 bushels, was carried by United States vessels.

ST. LAWRENCE CANALS:

Anthracite coal through the canals showed a decrease of 25,389 tons and bituminous coal, a decrease of 9,689 tons. Petroleum and oils also decreased 13,330 tons and corn, 17,486 tons but other commodities showed increases or only very slight losses making the net increase 255,756 tons for the month. Wheat showed by far the largest increase viz. 267,194 tons or 8,906,400 bushels. Rye increased 9,764 tons, oats, 7,587 tons, iron and steel, 8,937 tons and pulpwood 11,788 tons.

Sault Ste. Marie Canal.

<u>Canadian and American Locks</u>		May 1924	May 1923
Vessels	No.	2,641	2,390
Registered Tonnage	Tons	8,544,445	7,927,574
Passengers	No.	886	787
Flour	Barrels	1,428,520	1,042,240
Wheat	Bushels	37,019,117	37,022,967
Other Grains	Bushels	23,015,853	9,681,075
Iron Ores	Tons	6,629,891	6,094,064
Soft Coal	"	1,138,398	2,622,357
Hard Coal	"	61,084	239,360
Total Freight	"	9,872,214	10,644,817

Sault Ste. Marie Canal.

<u>Canadian Lock</u>			
Vessels	No.	506	441
Registered Tonnage	Tons	849,986	830,054
Passengers	No.	859	765
Barley	Tons	7,296	8,593
Oats	"	58,732	28,857
Wheat	"	29,092	113,544
Flour	"	65,033	65,672
Total Freight	"	217,315	295,061

Over



		May 1924	May 1923
<u>Welland Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	741	555
Registered Tonnage	Tons	691,128	444,934
Barley	"	15,641	14,427
Corn	"	14,983	22,008
Oats	"	34,292	33,135
Wheat	"	473,184	227,288
Pulpwood	"	10,882	8,520
Soft Coal	"	53,208	87,040
Total Freight	"	695,335	432,754
<u>St. Lawrence Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,554	1,345
Registered Tonnage	Tons	790,742	604,706
Passengers	No.	1,130	1,020
Barley	Tons	13,253	10,527
Corn	"	3,035	21,421
Oats	"	35,868	28,281
Rye	"	18,023	8,259
Wheat	"	468,409	201,215
Petroleum & Oils	"	3,497	16,827
Pulpwood	"	32,580	20,792
S. Lumber	"	15,032	13,907
Hard Coal	"	9,733	35,122
Soft Coal	"	74,251	83,940
Sand	"	24,555	18,400
Total Freight	"	745,970	490,214
<u>Ottawa Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	316	260
Registered Tonnage	Tons	41,687	34,758
Passengers	No.	590	930
Total Freight	Tons	31,648	25,206
<u>Rideau Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	243	246
Registered Tonnage	Tons	17,011	14,148
Passengers	No.	101	209
Total Freight	Tons	14,722	10,195
<u>Chambly Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	130	164
Registered Tonnage	Tons	17,092	19,587
Passengers	No.	53	30
Total Freight	Tons	16,665	27,171
<u>Trent Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	167	86
Registered Tonnage	Tons	4,957	4,227
Passengers	No.	180	402
Total Freight	Tons	2,761	836
<u>Murray Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	37	94
Registered Tonnage	Tons	3,322	2,005
Passengers	No.	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	25	381
<u>St. Peters Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	112	73
Registered Tonnage	Tons	8,598	4,435
Passengers	No.	12	22
Total Freight	Tons	5,009	2,718
<u>S&amp;A. Andrews Canal</u>			
Vessels	No.	12	9
Registered Tonnage	Tons	2,447	1,961
Passengers	No.	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	72	302