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SUMMARY OF CANAL STATISTICS

FOR
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Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

The total traffic through the Canadian and United States locks during August was 18 per cent heavier than in 1925 and also heavier than during July 1926, the big increase being in iron ore which amounted to 10,710,308 tons compared with 8,703,118 tons in 1925. Wheat was heavier by 1,227,475 bushels but other grains showed a large decrease. Bituminous coal also was lighter than in 1925 by 100,192 tons.

Welland Canal:

The coal traffic continued light and with a decrease in wheat tonnage, the total tonnage was less than last year by 247,337 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:

Grain traffic showed a decided decline, wheat being lighter by 121,051 tons or 4,031,700 bushels, oats by 94,733 tons, rye by 16,255 tons and flax by 1,444 tons; barley showed an increase of 11,382 tons and corn an increase of 1,086 tons. Coal traffic also was lighter than in 1925, anthracite coal showing a decrease of 7,124 tons and bituminous coal a decrease of 63,915 tons. Increases were made by iron and steel, oil, pulpwood, iron ore, sand and lumber, but the total traffic was less than in 1925 by 190,283 tons.

<u>Sault Ste. Marie Canals:</u>		<u>August</u>	<u>August</u>
<u>Canadian & United States Locks:</u>		<u>1926</u>	<u>1925</u>
Vessels	No.	3,226	2,906
Registered Tonnage	Tons	11,318,711	9,632,284
Passengers	No.	21,745	22,426
Flour	Bbls.	1,079,900	1,111,010
Wheat	Bushels	13,216,865	11,989,390
Other Grains	"	5,655,767	11,702,691
Iron Ores	Tons	10,710,308	8,703,118
Soft Coal	"	1,806,377	1,906,569
Hard Coal	"	314,060	70,024
Total Freight	"	13,776,956	11,661,897

Sault Ste. Marie Canal:
Canadian Lock:

Vessels	No.	467	423
Registered Tonnage	Tons	602,463	640,674
Passengers	No.	11,657	13,016
Oats	Tons	9,598	24,133
Wheat	"	45,849	24,575
Flour	"	42,590	52,052
Total Freight	"	174,894	170,337



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		August 1926	August 1925
<u>Welland Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	675	323
Registered Tonnage	Tons	539,537	877,053
Barley	"	41,225	33,570
Oats	"	31,060	142,563
Rye	"	2,737	20,984
Wheat	"	233,252	321,711
Pulpwood	"	75,640	55,115
Soft Coal	"	94,295	194,901
Sand	"	43,435	35,214
Total Freight	"	630,169	877,506
<u>St. Lawrence Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,951	2,073
Registered Tonnage	Tons	878,505	1,066,151
Passengers	No.	28,351	31,285
Barley	Tons	44,442	33,060
Oats	"	41,705	136,438
Rye	"	4,997	21,252
Wheat	"	208,909	329,960
Iron and Steel	"	30,945	10,017
Petroleum & Oils	"	28,259	12,201
Sugar	"	12,932	9,559
Pulpwood	"	157,710	132,947
Sawed Lumber	"	13,514	9,134
Hard Coal	"	13,649	20,773
Soft Coal	"	129,039	192,954
Sand	"	51,085	40,462
Total Freight	"	798,845	989,128
<u>Ottawa Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	413	294
Registered Tonnage	Tons	75,982	58,048
Passengers	No.	5,775	9,410
Total Freight	Tons	53,557	32,237
<u>Rideau Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	143	234
Registered Tonnage	Tons	10,200	14,742
Passengers	No.	1,009	1,839
Total Freight	Tons	5,788	11,081
<u>Chambly Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	218	196
Registered Tonnage	Tons	26,541	22,874
Passengers	No.	132	148
Total Freight	Tons	28,726	22,981
<u>Trent Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	615	755
Registered Tonnage	Tons	23,099	25,947
Passengers	No.	18,153	20,447
Total Freight	Tons	5,191	6,902
<u>Murray Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	132	210
Registered Tonnage	Tons	41,861	21,901
Passengers	No.	2,766	1,112
Total Freight	Tons	40	362
<u>St. Peters Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	139	161
Registered Tonnage	Tons	8,729	11,454
Passengers	No.	138	79
Total Freight	Tons	5,385	5,283
<u>St. Andrews Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	50	61
Registered Tonnage	Tons	12,113	12,228
Passengers	No.	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	7,422	10,392