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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

FOR

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Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

Canadian and United States Locks:

Traffic through the canals was lighter than for October, 1926, by 1,648,442 tons. Iron ore decreased by 2,335,568 tons and bituminous coal decreased by 21,777 tons, but wheat was heavier by 14,761,873 bushels and other grains increased by 9,297,627 bushels.

Welland Canal:

Total traffic was again over one million tons and reached a new high record of 1,130,277 tons, exceeding the record made in September by 39,630 tons and the October, 1926, tonnage by 296,636 tons. Wheat was heavier than in 1926 by 184,935 tons, barley by 97,358 tons and rye by 25,417 tons. No anthracite coal was reported and bituminous coal showed a decrease of 35,372 tons, the strikes at United States mines being a factor in the decreases. Pulpwood declined by 6,313 tons, but merchandise increased by 13,607 tons and sand by 3,881 tons.

For the season from the opening of navigation until October 31 total traffic was heavier than in 1926 by 1,769,080 tons and heavier than for the entire season of 1925, which was the previous record; by 699,433 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:

The total traffic on the canals was heavier than for October last year by 275,901 tons, grain traffic being particularly heavy, barley increasing by 102,316 tons, wheat by 178,658 tons, rye by 22,540 tons and corn by 10,505 tons. Of the total of 17,571 tons of corn carried, 12,791 tons were upbound Argentine corn. Coal showed decreases, pulpwood was lighter by 15,923 tons, and iron and steel decreased by 13,633 tons. Merchandise was heavier by 19,908 tons and sand by 2,010 tons.

The cumulative total for the season to date was heavier than in 1926 by 1,582,383 tons and heavier than for the entire season of 1925 by 743,972 tons.

<u>Sault Ste. Marie Canals:</u>		<u>October</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Canadian & United States Locks:</u>		<u>1927</u>	<u>1926</u>
Vessels	No.	2,586	3,221
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,283,455	11,265,865
Passengers	No.	616	657
Flour	Bbls.	1,474,140	1,737,500
Wheat	Bush.	66,595,621	51,833,748
Other grains	"	23,277,748	13,980,121
Iron Ores	Tons	6,623,427	8,958,995
Soft Coal	"	1,354,872	1,376,649
Hard Coal	"	195,930	124,645
Total Freight	"	11,230,879	12,879,321
<u>Sault Ste. Marie Canal:</u>			
<u>Canadian Lock:</u>			
Vessels	No.	450	514
Registered Tonnage	Tons	651,593	831,812
Passengers	No.	520	606
Barley	Tons	13,670	9,013
Oats	"	-	1,682
Wheat	"	31,102	41,752
Flour	"	68,788	72,232
Total Freight	"	183,018	169,263



<u>Welland Canal</u>		October 1927	October 1926
Vessels	No.	1,184	878
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,099,633	802,616
Barley	"	147,806	50,448
Corn	"	15,828	5,852
Oats	"	2,924	-
Rye	"	57,130	31,713
Wheat	"	661,932	476,997
Pulpwood	"	25,878	32,191
Soft Coal	"	61,094	96,466
Sand	"	55,896	52,015
Total Freight	"	1,130,277	833,591
<u>St. Lawrence Canals:</u>			
Vessels	No.	2,126	1,813
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,228,530	948,149
Passengers	No.	47	233
Barley	Tons	153,140	50,824
Corn	"	17,571	7,066
Oats	"	2,541	724
Rye	"	53,760	31,220
Wheat	"	648,498	469,840
Iron and Steel	"	16,918	30,551
Petroleum & Oils	"	19,034	17,488
Sugar	"	9,686	10,188
Pulpwood	"	43,826	59,749
Sawed Lumber	"	17,409	11,712
Hard Coal	"	10,770	12,475
Soft Coal	"	59,160	103,776
Sand	"	64,940	62,930
Total Freight	"	1,198,952	923,051
<u>Ottawa Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	424	359
Registered Tonnage	Tons	79,449	65,385
No. of Passengers	No.	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	75,247	56,328
<u>Rideau Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	134	135
Registered Tonnage	Tons	11,626	10,543
No. of Passengers	No.	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	8,562	8,438
<u>Chambly Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	255	273
Registered Tonnage	Tons	30,051	33,823
No. of Passengers	No.	10	15
Total Freight	Tons	33,761	37,805
<u>Trent Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	209	207
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,112	8,330
No. of Passengers	No.	778	242
Total Freight	Tons	3,858	4,437
<u>Murray Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	50	20
Registered Tonnage	Tons	11,061	3,688
No. of Passengers	No.	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	4	5
<u>St. Peters Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	141	136
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,760	9,392
No. of Passengers	No.	1	4
Total Freight	Tons	7,700	6,607
<u>St. Andrews Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	20	25
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,994	6,066
No. of Passengers	No.	38	-
Total Freight	Tons	2,837	384