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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

FOR
MAY, 1929

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

Canal traffic through the Canadian and United States locks at Sault Ste. Marie amounted to 13,929,764 tons, which was a record for May since 1920 when the Bureau first issued these monthly reports. Wheat was lighter than last year, due largely to the congestion at the eastern elevators this year, but iron ore increased from 4,872,097 tons in May, 1928, to 9,544,792 tons, and bituminous coal increased from 1,987,212 tons to 2,341,519 tons, so that the total traffic was heavier than in 1928 by 4,631,368 tons.

Welland Canal:

Total traffic on the Welland canal amounted to 997,484 tons which was 221,698 tons less than for May last year. Wheat decreased by 152,392 tons, or 5,079,730 bushels, and rye also decreased by 50,752 tons although oats increased by 36,648 tons. Pulpwood, upbound, decreased from 18,512 tons in May, 1928, to only 1,760 tons in May, this year, a decrease of 16,752 tons, and sand decreased from 70,129 tons to 33,241 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:

Total freight using the St. Lawrence canals showed a decrease of 160,027 tons due largely to the reduction in wheat shipments which dropped from 16,857,260 bushels in May, 1928, to 12,701,800 bushels in May, 1929. Rye also decreased by 44,692 tons although oats showed an increase of 27,868 tons and barley an increase of 11,393 tons. Pulpwood also declined by 27,836 tons, or from 42,326 tons to 14,490 tons, and sand was lighter by 23,977 tons.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:
Canadian & American Locks:

		May 1929	May 1928
Vessels	No.	2,947	2,196
Registered Tonnage	Tons	10,248,226	8,334,208
Passengers	No.	646	975
Flour	Bbls.	1,194,930	1,178,278
Wheat	Bushels	35,359,147	46,829,199
Other Grains	"	11,913,886	18,617,606
Iron Ores	Tons	9,544,792	4,872,097
Soft Coal	"	2,341,519	1,987,212
Hard Coal	"	181,940	94,228
Total Freight	"	13,929,764	9,298,396

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:
Canadian Lock:

Vessels	No.	537	417
Registered Tonnage	Tons	801,183	530,056
Passengers	No.	616	827
Oats	Tons	48,949	37,603
Wheat	"	117,432	65,047
Flour	"	68,925	48,434
Total Freight	"	369,448	303,690

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<u>Welland Canal:</u>		May 1929	May 1928
Vessels	No.	768	909
Registered Tonnage	Tons	737,212	896,521
Barley	"	29,830	30,860
Oats	"	70,547	43,899
Rye	"	2,274	53,026
Wheat	"	375,994	528,386
Soft Coal	"	86,796	87,487
Total Freight	"	775,786	997,484
<u>St. Lawrence Canals:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,405	1,635
Registered Tonnage	Tons	756,757	990,171
Passengers	No.	1,272	1,401
Barley	Tons	35,899	24,506
Oats	"	70,952	43,084
Rye	"	3,198	47,890
Wheat	"	381,054	505,718
Iron and Steel	"	34,566	42,175
Petroleum & other Oils	"	29,842	13,209
Pulpwood	"	14,490	42,326
Sawed Lumber	"	4,474	7,892
Hard Coal	"	24,252	14,476
Soft Coal	"	121,013	120,609
Sand	"	54,441	78,418
Total Freight	"	878,458	1,038,485
<u>Ottawa Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	519	602
Registered Tonnage	Tons	86,721	89,877
Passengers	No.	2,000	1,200
Total Freight	Tons	65,961	65,934
<u>Rideau Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	98	178
Registered Tonnage	Tons	8,663	13,377
Passengers	No.	18	50
Total Freight	Tons	5,588	9,078
<u>Chambly Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	117	161
Registered Tonnage	Tons	16,345	20,912
Passengers	No.	2	6
Total Freight	Tons	17,389	25,505
<u>Trent Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	44	68
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,026	1,119
Passengers	No.	59	219
Total Freight	Tons	398	335
<u>Murray Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	25	20
Registered Tonnage	Tons	7,665	3,617
Passengers	No.	---	---
Total Freight	Tons	535	2
<u>St. Peters Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	108	116
Registered Tonnage	Tons	6,579	8,376
Passengers	No.	---	5
Total Freight	Tons	3,931	5,711
<u>St. Andrews Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	57	48
Registered Tonnage	Tons	10,389	8,012
Passengers	No.	---	---
Total Freight	Tons	6,437	6,144

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