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SUMMARY OF CANAL STATISTICS

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Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

The total traffic through the Canadian and United States locks at Sault Ste. Marie during July amounted to 14,119,808 tons, which was an increase of 872,690 tons over the July 1928 traffic. Wheat shipments were light, amounting to only 16,008,143 bushels as against 40,843,865 bushels last year. Other grains also decreased by 2,056,503 bushels and bituminous coal was lighter by 75,441 tons, but iron ore was heavier by 1,827,009 tons.

Welland Canal:

A light grain traffic was the chief factor in reducing the total traffic to 628,041 tons, as against 1,006,713 tons in July 1928. Wheat amounted to 186,484 tons, or 6,216,130 bushels, which was a decrease of 402,630 tons, or 13,421,000 bushels. Oats also showed a decrease of 26,163 tons and rye a decrease of 10,312 tons, but barley increased by 34,042 tons. Bituminous coal amounted to 104,654 tons, compared with 70,072 tons last year, and sand was heavier by 4,780 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:

Large decreases in wheat, oats, rye, pulpwood, bituminous coal and sand and only one large increase, viz., in barley, with minor changes in other commodities, reduced the total traffic to 781,310 tons, as against 1,225,338 tons in July 1928, or a decrease of 444,028 tons. The largest decrease was 405,873 tons, or 13,529,100 bushels of wheat. Oats decreased by 32,557 tons, bituminous coal by 16,284 tons, sand by 18,510 tons, pulpwood by 14,655 tons and rye by 12,731 tons. The increase in barley was 49,465 tons. The total traffic from the opening of navigation to July 31 amounted to 2,834,824 tons, as against 3,464,489 tons in 1928.

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Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

<u>Canadian & United States Locks:</u>		<u>July</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1929</u>	<u>1928</u>
Vessels	No.	2,955	2,963
Registered Tonnage	Tons	10,223,726	9,966,345
Passengers	No.	16,108	17,274
Flour	Barrels	1,019,840	1,000,800
Wheat	Bushels	16,008,143	40,843,865
Other Grains	"	4,519,852	6,576,355
Iron Ores	Tons	10,607,630	8,780,621
Soft Coal	"	2,284,625	2,360,066
Hard Coal	"	99,675	207,144
Total Freight	"	14,119,808	13,247,118

Sault Ste. Marie Canal:

<u>Canadian Lock:</u>			
Vessels	No.	562	498
Registered Tonnage	Tons	680,893	714,477
Passengers	No.	9,659	10,754
Oats	Tons	15,013	30,073
Wheat	"	105,579	68,848
Flour	"	55,320	54,901
Total Freight	"	336,712	248,129

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		July 1929	July 1928
<u>Welland Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	623	914
Registered Tonnage	Tons	559,953	832,062
Barley	"	44,788	10,746
Oats	"	23,666	49,829
Rye	"	8,070	18,382
Wheat	"	186,484	589,114
Soft Coal	"	104,654	70,072
Total Freight	"	628,041	1,006,713
<u>St. Lawrence Canals:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,610	2,167
Registered Tonnage	Tons	852,785	1,235,752
Passengers	No.	24,188	29,161
Barley	Tons	56,135	6,670
Oats	"	20,872	53,429
Rye	"	6,222	18,953
Wheat	"	172,474	578,347
Iron and Steel	"	24,717	22,391
Pulpwood	"	158,046	172,701
Sawed Lumber	"	5,821	11,209
Soft Coal	"	126,895	143,179
Hard Coal	"	330	1,115
Sand	"	66,780	85,290
Total Freight	"	781,310	1,225,338
<u>Ottawa Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	552	624
Registered Tonnage	Tons	108,184	107,554
Passengers	No.	8,020	6,745
Total Freight	Tons	82,381	77,901
<u>Rideau Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	144	118
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,610	9,540
Passengers	No.	524	385
Total Freight	Tons	8,470	5,193
<u>Chambly Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	151	172
Registered Tonnage	Tons	18,792	23,121
Passengers	No.	169	208
Total Freight	Tons	18,340	26,213
<u>Trent Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	637	720
Registered Tonnage	Tons	21,229	27,969
Passengers	No.	15,685	18,002
Total Freight	Tons	4,143	9,394
<u>Murray Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	126	91
Registered Tonnage	Tons	7,383	14,489
Passengers	No.	-	1,217
Total Freight	Tons	501	34
<u>St. Peters Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	124	128
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,779	8,970
Passengers	No.	72	62
Total Freight	Tons	6,152	7,738
<u>St. Andrews Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	121	95
Registered Tonnage	Tons	15,621	19,216
Passengers	No.	153	28
Total Freight	Tons	7,638	14,513

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