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Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

Total traffic through the Canadian and United States locks during August amounted to 14,085,172 tons, which was an increase over the August 1928 traffic of 10,561,961 tons. Wheat traffic was lighter by 15,868,745 bushels, or 50 per cent, other grains also decreased by 2,215,006 bushels, or 22 per cent, but iron ore amounted to 10,561,961 tons as against 9,217,058 tons last year.

Welland Canal:

There was a decrease in freight traffic from last year's of 502,658 tons, or 45 per cent, wheat alone accounting for 456,430 tons of the decrease. Oats and rye showed decreases of 31,976 tons and 48,714 tons, respectively, but barley increased by 10,644 tons.

Up to the end of August freight tonnage was behind the record made last year by 1,133,097 tons, or 27 per cent, and, with the small western grain crop, the difference probably will be much greater at the close of navigation. Barley showed an increase of 95,283 tons and bituminous coal an increase of 83,802 tons, but wheat decreased by 1,055,963 tons, rye by 156,447 tons, and sand by 62,338 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:

Total traffic during August was lighter than last year by 550,238 tons, only a few commodities showing increases, the more important being iron and steel, petroleum and other oils, and pulpwood with increases of 23,250 tons, 13,798 tons, and 16,245 tons, respectively. Wheat was lighter by 457,645 tons, oats by 36,078 tons, rye by 50,540 tons, bituminous coal by 19,945 tons and iron ore by 14,170 tons.

The cumulative total to the end of August was 3,644,148 tons as against 4,824,050 tons last year. This was a decrease of 1,179,902 tons, or 24 per cent.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

<u>Canadian & United States Locks:</u>		August 1929	August 1928
Vessels	No.	3,003	2,901
Registered Tonnage	Tons	10,383,504	10,093,744
Passengers	No.	21,606	21,657
Flour	Barrels	1,201,730	1,224,520
Wheat	Bushels	16,101,574	31,970,319
Other Grains	"	7,725,454	9,940,460
Iron Ore	Tons	10,561,961	9,217,058
Soft Coal	"	2,325,873	2,666,951
Hard Coal	"	90,877	90,951
Total Freight	"	14,085,172	13,680,113

Sault Ste. Marie Canal:

<u>Canadian Lock:</u>			
Vessels	No.	503	450
Registered Tonnage	Tons	646,870	568,243
Passengers	No.	12,018	12,677
Oats	Tons	8,413	22,797
Wheat	"	73,606	61,673
Flour	"	58,636	59,383
Total Freight	"	326,359	236,056



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<u>Welland Canal:</u>		August 1929	August 1928
Vessels	No.	546	998
Registered Tonnage	Tons	519,761	990,217
Barley	"	73,634	62,990
Oats	"	9,478	41,454
Rye	"	3,951	52,665
Wheat	"	159,698	616,128
Pulpwood	"	89,660	84,198
Soft Coal	"	95,272	78,615
Sand	"	21,695	26,405
Total Freight	"	612,943	1,115,601
<u>St. Lawrence Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,673	2,483
Registered Tonnage	Tons	829,570	1,381,624
Passengers	No.	24,238	31,005
Barley	Tons	54,201	63,042
Oats	"	6,287	42,365
Rye	"	2,540	53,080
Wheat	"	160,623	618,268
Iron and Steel	"	41,236	17,986
Petroleum and Oils	"	41,670	27,872
Sugar	"	16,729	12,627
Pulpwood	"	178,510	162,265
Sawed Lumber	"	6,103	14,670
Hard Coal	"	280	400
Soft Coal	"	129,124	149,069
Sand	"	92,715	87,158
Total Freight	"	809,323	1,359,561
<u>Ottawa Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	463	591
Registered Tonnage	Tons	113,944	93,172
Passengers	No.	4,025	6,365
Total Freight	Tons	91,264	73,012
<u>Rideau Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	123	143
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,105	11,148
Passengers	No.	400	675
Total Freight	Tons	5,738	7,005
<u>Chambly Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	180	211
Registered Tonnage	Tons	20,033	23,004
Passengers	No.	32	98
Total Freight	Tons	17,070	29,273
<u>Trent Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	645	785
Registered Tonnage	Tons	21,174	24,442
Passengers	No.	13,466	17,217
Total Freight	Tons	4,530	8,215
<u>Murray Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	128	112
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,464	12,149
Passengers	No.	-	628
Total Freight	Tons	497	292
<u>St. Peters Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	122	125
Registered Tonnage	Tons	12,250	12,793
Passengers	No.	68	77
Total Freight	Tons	10,514	9,357
<u>St. Andrews Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	207	35
Registered Tonnage	Tons	25,868	7,979
Passengers	No.	561	4
Total Freight	Tons	21,031	5,081

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