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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

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MAY 1930

Sault Ste. Marie Canal:

Total traffic through the Canadian and United States locks at Sault Ste. Marie amounted to 4,335,021 tons, which, with the exception of May, 1922, was the smallest tonnage passing through the locks in any month of May in the past decade. Iron ore was particularly light, amounting to only 1,704,747 tons as against 6,777,911 tons in May, 1930, and 9,544,792 tons in May, 1929. Coal also was light, amounting to 934,242 tons as against 2,866,604 tons last year. Wheat increased from 29,080,481 bushels in 1930 to 29,439,077 bushels, and other grains more than doubled, amounting to 12,342,303 bushels as against 6,049,005 bushels last year.

Welland Canal:

The total traffic, amounting to 1,165,853 tons, was the heaviest handled during May in any year in the past ten years. Wheat tonnage was more than double the tonnage in 1930, amounting to 181,809 tons, or 6,060,300 bushels. Barley increased from 21,672 tons in 1930 to 131,036 tons and oats increased from 20,392 tons to 55,732 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:

Traffic on the St. Lawrence Canals also created a new high record for May, amounting to 1,165,791 tons, as against 841,348 tons in May, 1930, and 1,094,346 tons in May, 1927, the previous record. Wheat shipments amounted to 531,605 tons, or 17,720,160 bushels, barley, to 148,104 tons as against 14,954 tons in 1930, and oats, to 47,144 tons as against 14,048 tons last year. Pulpwood increased from 31,984 tons in 1930 to 37,450 tons and sand from 40,580 tons to 77,260 tons.

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Sault Ste. Marie Canal:

<u>Canadian & United States Locks:</u>		May <u>1 9 3 1</u>	May <u>1 9 3 0</u>
Vessels	No.	1,416	2,363
Registered Tonnage	Tons	3,599,399	8,059,155
Passengers	No.	818	541
Flour	Barrels	1,045,260	983,590
Wheat	Bushels	29,439,077	29,080,481
Other Grains	"	12,342,303	6,049,005
Iron Ores	Tons	1,704,747	6,777,911
Soft Coal	"	934,242	2,866,604
Hard Coal	"	151,857	200,186
Total Freight	"	4,335,021	11,319,757

Sault Ste. Marie Canal:

<u>Canadian Lock:</u>		May <u>1 9 3 1</u>	May <u>1 9 3 0</u>
Vessels	No.	317	439
Registered Tonnage	Tons	398,505	546,910
Passengers	No.	786	467
Barley	Tons	26,999	9,698
Oats	"	21,022	14,265
Wheat	"	59,837	101,964
Flour	"	52,189	44,145
Total Freight	"	233,931	271,092

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		May	
		1931	1930
<u>Welland Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,007	701
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,080,989	707,903
Barley	"	131,036	21,672
Oats	"	55,732	20,392
Rye	"	3,360	8,826
Wheat	"	523,948	445,812
Soft Coal	"	181,809	89,626
Total Freight	"	1,165,853	805,262
<u>St. Lawrence Canals:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,725	1,205
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,127,727	780,242
Passengers	No.	1,383	882
Barley	Tons	148,104	14,954
Oats	"	47,144	14,048
Rye	"	14,632	11,641
Wheat	"	531,605	397,260
Iron and Steel	"	14,313	12,047
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	31,092	33,860
Pulpwood	"	37,450	31,984
Sawed Lumber	"	6,600	5,041
Hard Coal	"	12,210	19,566
Soft Coal	"	118,164	138,716
Sand	"	77,260	40,580
Total Freight	"	1,165,791	841,348
<u>Ottawa Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	614	304
Registered Tonnage	Tons	116,470	79,251
Passengers	No.	1,400	1,200
Total Freight	Tons	93,631	72,035
<u>Rideau Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	63	69
Registered Tonnage	Tons	6,468	8,140
Passengers	No.	...	14
Total Freight	Tons	3,830	4,144
<u>Chambly Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	56	123
Registered Tonnage	Tons	4,777	15,565
Passengers	No.
Total Freight	Tons	6,304	17,721
<u>Trent Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	115	54
Registered Tonnage	Tons	4,006	1,846
Passengers	No.	30	40
Total Freight	Tons	4,075	1,232
<u>Murray Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	30	21
Registered Tonnage	Tons	7,642	20,183
Passengers	No.
Total Freight	Tons	11	...
<u>St. Peter's Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	109	78
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,853	5,835
Passengers	No.	26	8
Total Freight	Tons	3,186	2,200
<u>St. Andrew's Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	14	92
Registered Tonnage	Tons	2,440	14,916
Passengers	No.	...	67
Total Freight	Tons	162	8,623

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