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Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

Traffic through the Canadian canal increased 111,269 tons over August, 1930, but freight through the United States locks showed a diminution of 2,993,487 tons. The chief reductions were in iron ore, 2,720,622 tons, and wheat, 8,788,555 bushels, while soft coal increased by 88,477 tons.

Welland Canal:

Freight amounting to 972,976 tons passed through the Welland canal in August, 1931, as against 935,829 tons in the same month of 1930. Wheat registered a decrease of 455,945 tons and pulpwood, a decrease of 39,366 tons. Shipments of barley increased by 43,366 tons, oats, 13,145 tons, and soft coal, 114,319 tons. The cumulative traffic to August 31st was 856,306 tons greater than for the corresponding period of 1930.

St. Lawrence Canals:

Traffic on the St. Lawrence canals for August showed a reduction of 292,183 tons compared with 1930. Wheat was down 308,177 tons; pulpwood, 61,423 tons; while barley increased by 62,505 tons; petroleum and oils, 9,286 tons; and oats, 8,547 tons.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

<u>Canadian & United States Locks:</u>		<u>August</u> <u>1931</u>	<u>August</u> <u>1930</u>
Vessels	No.	2,281	2,707
Registered Tonnage	Tons	6,667,187	8,651,640
Passengers	No.	7,629	18,775
Flour	Barrèls	1,115,900	1,210,540
Wheat	Bushels	19,647,188	28,435,343
Other Grains	"	5,251,078	5,687,922
Iron Ore	Tons	5,204,878	7,925,500
Soft Coal	"	1,927,755	1,839,278
Hard Coal	"	91,299	105,766
Total Freight	"	8,384,881	11,267,099

Sault Ste. Marie Canal:

<u>Canadian Lock:</u>			
Vessels	No.	462	476
Registered Tonnage	Tons	575,215	425,746
Passengers	No.	7,629	10,958
Oats	Mons	13,313	3,791
Wheat	"	80,315	48,356
Flour	"	64,447	57,399
Total Freight	"	299,710	188,441

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		August 1931	August 1930
<u>Welland Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	669	789
Registered Tonnage	Tons	904,112	895,660
Barley	"	72,986	24,620
Oats	"	22,726	9,581
Rye	"	6,805	9,635
Wheat	"	164,259	420,204
Pulpwood	"	54,330	93,899
Soft Coal	"	335,224	220,905
Sand	"	6,200	19,770
Total Freight	"	972,976	985,829
<u>St. Lawrence Canals:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,319	1,426
Registered Tonnage	Tons	661,536	937,621
Passengers	No.	16,709	16,807
Barley	Tons	83,518	21,013
Oats	"	15,795	7,248
Rye	"	6,805	10,393
Wheat	"	120,058	428,235
Iron and Steel	"	8,516	14,668
Petroleum and Oils	"	47,649	38,363
Sugar	"	25,247	14,933
Pulpwood	"	105,425	166,848
Sawed Lumber	"	1,941	5,182
Hard Coal	"	16,655	20,110
Soft Coal	"	125,276	133,256
Sand	"	62,300	56,050
Total Freight	"	714,370	1,006,553
<u>Ottawa Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	396	328
Registered Tonnage	Tons	88,245	97,840
Passengers	No.	9,000	6,216
Total Freight	Tons	67,042	76,367
<u>Rideau Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	94	94
Registered Tonnage	Tons	6,732	7,736
Passengers	No.	331	337
Total Freight	Tons	3,542	4,282
<u>Chambly Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	87	109
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,013	7,815
Passengers	No.	133	164
Total Freight	Tons	6,442	9,259
<u>Trent Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	834	623
Registered Tonnage	Tons	17,169	20,051
Passengers	No.	11,189	11,763
Total Freight	Tons	3,830	5,721
<u>Murray Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	153	108
Registered Tonnage	Tons	22,134	6,460
Passengers	No.	13	-
Total Freight	Tons	16	-
<u>St. Peter's Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	138	121
Registered Tonnage	Tons	16,227	10,417
Passengers	No.	58	69
Total Freight	Tons	10,089	10,528
<u>St. Andrew's Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	49	238
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,591	36,409
Passengers	No.	54	162
Total Freight	Tons	2,928	32,768

