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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

AUGUST, 1938

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks: Freight through the canals increased to 6,236,574 tons from 5,551,693 tons in July, but was 55 per cent lighter than in August last year. The main factor in this large decrease was a drop of 7,781,110 tons in iron ore. Wheat shipments increased from 6,993,481 bushels last year to 10,495,851 bushels and other grains from 3,430,382 bushels to 10,920,699 bushels.

Welland Ship Canal: Total freight traffic decreased from 1,612,075 tons in 1937 to 1,587,958 tons, only a few commodities showing increases. Corn was heavier by 179,183 tons, barley by 37,994 tons, and iron ore by 16,851 tons, but wheat declined by 27,638 tons, soft coal by 111,002 tons, and petroleum and oils by 28,131 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals: Due mainly to decreases in wheat shipments of 62,853 tons and soft coal of 96,757 tons the total freight tonnage declined from 1,332,778 tons in August, 1937, to 1,214,526 tons. The only large increases were barley, 37,058 tons, and corn, 132,110 tons.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

		1938		1937	
		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
<u>EAST BOUND</u>					
Lumber	M Ft. B.M.	646	2,953	196	6,700
Pulpwood	Cords	20,516	56,285	7,533	43,124
Flour	Barrels	468,450	754,540	505,680	723,320
Wheat	Bushels	2,827,533	10,495,851	1,323,867	6,993,481
Other Grain	"	2,377,132	10,920,699	1,444,950	3,430,382
Copper	Short Tons	1,010	4,897	879	4,059
Iron Ore	" "	...	3,468,660	...	11,249,770
Pig Iron	" "	...	6,605	...	51,280
Structural Steel	" "	1,970	20,246	403	12,024
Stone	" "	2,410	4,915	2,860	5,420
Other Freight	" "	17,922	32,867	20,104	30,825
Total	" "	250,570	4,295,112	162,116	11,812,101
Passengers	Number	7,297	8,813	8,546	10,683
<u>WEST BOUND</u>					
Coal, soft	Short Tons	22,471	1,596,998	2,910	1,680,573
Coal, hard	" "	...	17,300	2,665	66,365
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Iron Ore	" "	...	5,376	...	13,619
Structural Steel	" "	1,693	7,896	2,508	3,286
Salt	" "	1,537	1,698	1,515	2,109
Oil & Gasolene	" "	13,242	123,820	11,075	88,737
Stone	" "	300	115,475	400	126,440
Other Freight	" "	40,157	69,983	50,343	136,426
Total	" "	81,960	1,941,462	72,745	2,124,998
Passengers	Number	3,764	8,698	4,940	10,873
Total Freight	Short Tons	332,530	6,236,574	234,861	13,937,099
Total Passengers	Number	11,061	17,511	13,486	21,556
Number of Vessels		649	1,903	568	3,244
Registered Tonnage Net		494,719	4,561,767	651,284	10,919,572



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		1938	1937
<u>Welland Ship Canal:</u>			
Vessels	No.	822	798
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,363,655	1,264,588
Passengers	No.	5	...
Barley	Tons	80,043	42,049
Corn	"	311,703	132,520
Oats	"	23,292	15,260
Rye	"	23,998	26,130
Wheat	"	184,872	212,510
Flour	"	16,927	15,487
Gasolene	"	49,594	47,260
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	52,784	80,915
Sugar	"	20,291	12,429
Pulpwood	"	103,354	100,515
Autos and Parts	"	892	9,269
Paper	"	21,896	25,007
Wood Pulp	"	36,194	32,783
Soft Coal	"	403,977	514,979
Coke	"	15,548	30,157
Iron Ore	"	134,231	117,380
Sand	"	5,845	1,000
All other freight	"	102,517	196,425
Total Freight	"	1,587,958	1,612,075

<u>St. Lawrence Canals:</u>			
Vessels	No.	1,301	1,512
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,007,076	977,734
Passengers	No.	168	319
Barley	Tons	75,326	38,268
Corn	"	267,787	135,677
Oats	"	13,518	16,144
Rye	"	7,701	22,739
Wheat	"	148,410	211,263
Flour	"	15,077	12,224
Gasolene	"	73,567	77,711
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	71,533	72,712
Sugar	"	17,680	16,061
Pulpwood	"	133,237	150,665
Autos and Parts	"	1,092	1,935
Paper	"	12,646	19,095
Wood Pulp	"	35,990	32,667
Hard Coal	"	45,521	36,806
Soft Coal	"	162,781	259,538
Sand	"	12,580	12,224
All other Freight	"	120,080	217,049
Total Freight	"	1,214,526	1,332,778

		<u>Ottawa River Canal</u>		<u>Rideau Canal</u>	
		1938	1937	1938	1937
Vessels	No.	221	336	102	106
Registered Tonnage	Tons	39,905	60,875	1,592	4,592
Passengers	No.	...	...	1,170	1,556
Total Freight	Tons	32,569	52,344	466	2,365
		<u>Richelieu River Canal</u>		<u>Trent Canal</u>	
Vessels	No.	109	168	957	874
Registered Tonnage	Tons	12,082	23,836	13,439	12,048
Passengers	No.	83	67	5,596	11,977
Total Freight	Tons	11,965	17,547	3,551	288
		<u>Murray Canal</u>		<u>St. Peter's Canal</u>	
Vessels	No.	104	117	118	123
Registered Tonnage	Tons	2,397	3,512	7,158	11,941
Passengers	No.	10	...	140	145
Total Freight	Tons	...	533	5,129	9,619
		<u>St. Andrew's Canal</u>		<u>All Canadian Canals</u>	
Vessels	No.	60	80	4,443	4,682
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,189	11,394	2,951,212	3,021,804
Passengers	No.	1,085	1,033	19,318	28,583
Total Freight	Tons	1,971	1,954	3,190,665	3,264,964



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