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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

SEPTEMBER, 1938.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks: Total traffic decreased to 6,624,115 tons from 12,585,095 tons for September last year. Wheat shipments more than doubled, increasing from 18,192,123 bushels last year to 37,537,917 bushels, and other grains increased from 9,252,135 bushels to 10,412,778 bushels, but iron ore decreased from 9,975,422 tons to 3,402,146 tons. The number of passengers carried through also dropped from 5,837 to 4,987.

Welland Ship Canal: Due mainly to heavy shipments of wheat the total traffic using the canal increased to 1,785,768 tons as against 1,566,447 tons in 1937. The increase in wheat was 343,280 tons, or 144 per cent. Corn also increased by 17,292 tons, but other grains declined and pig iron, iron and steel, paper, wood pulp, pulpwood, soft coal, iron ore and other ores all showed substantial decreases.

St. Lawrence Canals: Traffic using the canals declined from 1,303,993 tons in 1937 to 1,295,614 tons, despite an increase in wheat shipments of 220,105 tons. Soft coal declined by 133,531 tons, petroleum and other oils by 22,489 tons, paper by 13,638 tons, iron ore by 25,771 tons, other ores by 13,842 tons, rye by 12,877 tons, and many other commodities showed smaller decreases.

Sault Ste. Marie C	anals:	1 (938 :	1937		
		Canadian	: Canadian & :	Canadian	: Canadian &	
EAST BOUND		Lock	; U.S. Locks :	Lock	: U.S. Locks	
Pulpwood	Cords	9,838	34,288	6,150	30,800	
Lumber	M Ft. B.M.	293	3,577	35	4,048	
Flour	Barrels	666,490	1,012,690	473,670	779,460	
Wheat	Bushels	4,625,967	37,537,917	898,867	18,192,123	
Other Grains	11	1,201,035	10,412,778	1,575,439	9,252,135	
Copper	Short Tons	826	6,047	100	3,288	
Iron Ore	11 11		3,402,146		9,975,422	
Pig Iron	11 ft		7,704	2,324	68,331	
Structural Steel	11 11	54	21,119	994	9,894	
Stone	<u>11</u> 11	1,280	1,980	720	3,570	
Other Freight	II II	16,151	32,722	20,374	34,518	
Total	ET TE	269,255	5,016,595	145,653	11,003,320	
Passengers	Number	1,788	2,562	1,9 5 9	3,177	
WEST BOUND						
Coal, soft	Short Tons	10,948	1,336,293	14,420	1,236,127	
Coal, hard	11 11	1,522	10,756	2,359	21,109	
Coke	11 11	0.00		2,000	2,000	
Iron Ore	11 []		300			
Structural Steel	<u>81 88</u>	1,332	2,399	1,540	2,434	
Salt	11 H	2,882	3,102	2,613	3,557	
Oil - Gasolene	11 11	22,760	119,523	13,680	97,955	
Stone	81 88		60,431		108,489	
Other Freight	11 H	38,269	68,152	50,538	102,918	
Total	11 11	82,654	1,607,520	93,180	1,581,775	
Passengers	Number	1,445	2,425	1,073	2,660	
Total Freight	Short Tons	351,909	6,624,115	238,833	12,585,095	
Total Passengers	Number	3,233	4,987	3,042	5,837	
Number of Vessels		494	1,680	415	2,888	
Registered Tonnage	Net	524,109	5,046,784	582,320	10,280,452	

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		September	Seutember
Welland Thip Canal:		1938	1937
Vessels	No.	891	770
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,553,694	1,243,395
Passengers	No.	1,335	276
Barley	Tons	112,085	112,512
Corn	10115		
Oats	11	62,512	45,220
Rye	11	7,928	12,670
Wheat	tr	16,450	21,379
Flour	11	582,338	239,058
Gasolene	11	22,974	13,591
Petroleum & Other Oil		66,249	68,647
Sugar	15	62,126	58,727
Pulpwood	11	16,400	9,640
-	11	88,250	98,960
Autos and Parts	11	8,080	12,292
Paper	H	12,312	24,465
Wood Pulp	fl	22,616	47,724
Soft Coal		445,842	482,092
Coke	tr tr	23,521	23,267
Iron Ore	11	100,733	138,445
Sand		20,000	10,015
All other freight	11	115,352	147,743
Total Freight	11	1,785,768	1,566,447
St. Lawrence Canals:			
Vessels	No.	1,432	1,421
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,042,587	956,058
Passengers	No.	37	449
Barley	Tons	103,561	98,889
Corn	58	60,884	48,550
Oats	н	6,366	8,161
Rye	11	2,240	15,117
Wheat	П	446,196	226,091
Flour	11	18,378	14,733
Gasolene	H	76,908	72,078
Petroleum & Other Oil	s 11	46,646	69,135
Sugar	11	13,598	24,525
Pulpwood	11	130,522	124,103
Autos and Parts	11	1,964	1,867
Paper	11	4,153	17,791
Wood Pulp	15	36,805	45,406
Hard Coal	11	18,611	16,834
Soft Coal	11	130,822	264,353
Sand	11	37,240	41,295
All other freight	ff	160,720	215,065
Total Freight	п	1,295,614	1,303,993
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	Ottawa Riv	er Canal :	Rideau Canal
	1938	: 1937 :	1938 : 1937
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Vessels No	298	311	21

		1938	: 1937	:	1938	: 1937
Vessels Registered Tonnage	No. Tons	298 57,016	311 67,288		21 397	41 3,900
Passengers Total Freight	No. Tons	46,507	53,132		166 363	96 2,269
		Richelieu	River Canal	h V	Trent	Canal
Vessels	No.	68	167		484	501
Registered Tonnage	Tons	9,122	23,879		5,810	3,757
Passengers	No.	7 800	29		1,522	
Total Freight	Tons	7,809	22,630		2,347	
		Murray	7 Canal	:	St. Peter	's Canal
Vessels	No.	46	. 3,7		195	197
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,992	4,404		11,011	10,391
Passengers	No.	2 007	100		61	23
Total Freight	Tons	1,807	100		6,276	8,343
		St. Andrew's Canal : All Canadian Canals				
Vessels	No.	113	102		4,042	
Registered Tonnage	Tons	13,645	12,555		3,223,383	
Passengers	No.	611	388		6,974	5,949
Total Freight	Tons	5,086	3,433		3,503,486	3,199,830

