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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

NOVEMBER, 1939

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks: Traffic through the Canadian and United States locks increased to 10,437,879 tons from 4,466,103 tons a year ago. Shipments of wheat increased from 38,715,927 bushels to 63,486,203 bushels, other grains from 9,997,514 bushels to 14,373,250 bushels and iron ore from 1,651,167 tons to 6,053,512 tons.

Welland Ship Canal: Total traffic using the canal declined to 1,535,351 tons from 1,651,770 tons in November 1938, light grain shipments being the chief factor in the decrease. Barley was down by 41,859 tons, corn by 119,264 tons, oats by 8,011 tons and wheat by 214,992 tons. Bituminous coal was heavier by 111,978 tons, coke by 16,974 tons, petroleum and other oils by 77,510 tons and iron and steel by 22,286 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals: Total traffic for November increased from 1,065,317 tons in November 1938 to 1,072,509 tons, despite large decreases in grain shipments. The increase was practically all in bituminous coal which increased by 223,755 tons or 108 per cent; the only other large increase was 12,514 tons of pulpwood. The decrease in wheat was 126,559 tons or 4,218,633 bushels, and all other grains also showed decreases. Six of the canals were closed for the season as follows: St. Andrews, November 1 - Rideau, November 10 - Murray, November 21 - Trent, November 24 - Richelieu River, November 25 and Ottawa River November 27.

<u>Sault Ste. Marie Canals</u>		1939		1938	
		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
<u>EAST BOUND</u>					
Pulpwood	Cords	4,876	4,876	3,795	6,260
Lumber	M Ft. B.M.	...	5,766	...	2,619
Flour	Barrels	801,580	1,312,810	729,730	1,207,520
Wheat	Bushels	6,755,000	63,486,203	3,200,200	38,715,927
Other Grain	"	1,528,747	14,373,250	2,020,383	9,997,514
Copper	Short Tons	590	21,246	...	13,858
Iron Ore	" "	...	6,053,512	...	1,651,167
Pig Iron	" "	...	75,597	...	21,059
Structural Steel	" "	1,586	13,841	349	5,930
Stone	" "	3,220	3,780	2,565	4,375
Other Freight	" "	28,102	49,839	34,403	60,104
Total	" "	358,796	8,580,438	258,812	3,270,837
Passengers	Number	37	42	35	39
<u>WEST BOUND</u>					
Coal, soft	Short Tons	65,868	1,476,340	26,668	957,803
Coal, hard	" "	...	1,886	...	10,100
Coke	" "	...	...	59	59
Iron Ore	" "	...	10,368	...	...
Structural Steel	" "	3,495	7,718	5,001	6,725
Salt	" "	6,075	9,440	4,787	8,117
Oil & Gasolene	" "	15,795	117,317	7,590	106,726
Stone	" "	1,732	112,108	300	19,585
Other Freight	" "	59,976	102,758	48,163	80,781
Total	" "	152,941	1,857,441	92,568	1,195,266
Passengers	Number	17	22	19	23
Total Freight	Short Tons	511,737	10,437,879	351,380	4,466,103
Total Passengers	Number	54	64	54	62
Number of Vessels		500	2,512	390	1,273
Registered Tonnage Net		612,936	8,296,031	444,133	3,378,522

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Welland Ship Canal

		November 1939	November 1938
Vessels	No.	821	779
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,412,596	1,576,644
Passengers	No.	...	...
Barley	Tons	6,427	48,286
Corn	"	39,592	158,856
Oats	"	11,081	19,092
Rye	"	1,176	2,069
Wheat	"	243,137	458,129
Flour	"	37,577	30,068
Gasolene	"	66,065	60,121
Petroleum and Other Oils	"	127,362	49,852
Sugar	"	8,747	8,566
Pulpwood	"	13,888	18,672
Autos & Parts	"	2,646	3,221
Paper	"	40,186	33,231
Wood Pulp	"	8,081	14,356
Soft Coal	"	612,046	500,068
Coke	"	27,552	10,578
Iron Ore	"	60,510	50,593
Sand	"	7,646	4,476
All other freight	"	221,632	181,536
Total Freight	"	1,535,351	1,651,770

St. Lawrence Canals

Vessels	No.	1,224	1,171
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,005,833	937,303
Passengers	No.	...	...
Barley	Tons	21,831	51,101
Corn	"	42,829	57,562
Oats	"	8,740	14,975
Rye	"	2,530	3,189
Wheat	"	243,507	370,066
Flour	"	22,548	23,498
Gasolene	"	52,255	72,563
Petroleum and Other Oils	"	54,960	57,333
Sugar	"	30,531	23,897
Pulpwood	"	27,186	14,672
Autos & Parts	"	994	1,722
Paper	"	19,564	14,675
Wood Pulp	"	6,342	6,982
Hard Coal	"	27,628	34,889
Soft Coal	"	331,421	107,666
Sand	"	2,530	8,135
All other freight	"	177,113	202,392
Total Freight	"	1,072,509	1,065,317

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal	
		1939	: 1938	: 1939	: 1938
Vessels	No.	79	106	5	7
Registered Tonnage	Tons	11,946	14,586	237	347
Passengers	No.	...	...	...	...
Total Freight	Tons	7,553	12,260	27	51
		Richelieu River Canal		Trent Canal	
Vessels	No.	68	82	104	94
Registered Tonnage	Tons	10,354	12,970	3,412	3,966
Passengers	No.	...	7	110	76
Total Freight	Tons	10,813	14,552	1,221	2,378
		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
Vessels	No.	19	11	117	142
Registered Tonnage	Tons	598	1,454	14,786	20,021
Passengers	No.	...	...	1	3
Total Freight	Tons	...	40	14,059	16,279
		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals	
Vessels	No.	2	9	2,939	2,791
Registered Tonnage	Tons	164	575	3,072,862	3,011,999
Passengers	No.	...	17	165	157
Total Freight	Tons	...	56	3,153,270	3,113,554

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