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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

APRIL, 1939

Navigation was somewhat later in opening this year than in 1938, the first vessel passing through the St. Lawrence Canals on April 25 compared with April 16 last year, through the Welland Ship Canal on April 10, or one day ahead of last year and at Sault Ste. Marie April 26 for the United States locks and April 27 for the Canadian lock as compared with April 12 and 18 respectively last year. St. Peter's Canal opened on April 27, but the other Canals were still closed to navigation at the end of April.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals-Canadian and United States Locks: Total traffic through the Canals amounted to 117,230 tons for the five days as against 789,454 tons for nineteen days in 1938.

Welland Ship Canal: Total traffic using the Canal in April amounted to 199,512 tons compared with 663,885 tons a year ago, all but three commodities showing decreases.

St. Lawrence Canals: Total traffic for the six days the canals were opened amounted to only 49,761 tons compared with 351,852 tons for fifteen days in April, 1938, all commodities but one showing decreases.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals

		1939		1938	
		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
<u>EAST BOUND</u>					
Lumber	M Ft. B.M.	...	...	...	9
Flour	Barrels	64,880	64,880	130,250	130,250
Wheat	Bushels	30,066	30,066	2,420,967	6,138,817
Other Grain	"	72,333	72,333	1,615,060	7,929,184
Copper	Short Tons	...	...	...	...
Iron Ore	" "	...	13,440	...	206,104
Pig Iron	" "	...	...	...	...
Structural Steel	" "	...	...	350	550
Stone	" "	...	...	225	225
Other Freight	" "	498	498	5,306	9,378
Total	" "	9,624	23,064	132,136	608,308
Passengers	Number	...	...	8	8

WEST BOUND

Coal, soft	Short Tons	...	6,550	16,692	294,695
Coal, hard	" "	...	...	...	3,049
Coke	" "	...	...	...	...
Iron Ore	" "	...	...	...	...
Structural Steel X	" "	900	900	1,275	1,275
Salt	" "	2,750	2,750	4,527	8,947
Oil & Gasolene	" "	402	5,594	212	19,662
Stone	" "	...	...	1,459	1,459
Other Freight	" "	3,761	3,761	13,352	30,057
Total	" "	7,813	19,744	37,517	362,363
Passengers	Number	18	18	8	8
Total Freight	Short Tons	17,437	42,808	169,653	970,671
Total Passengers	Number	18	18	16	16
Number of Vessels		21	68	143	405
Registered Tonnage Net		25,707	117,230	157,689	789,454

X - Structural Steel:- Includes Agricultural Implements & Iron and Steel, other.



<u>Welland Ship Canal:</u>		April 1939	April 1938
Vessels	No.	155	576
Registered Tonnage	Tons	246,609	622,287
Passengers	No.	...	...
Barley	Tons	...	15,013
Corn	"	...	188,692
Oats	"	...	5,728
Rye	"	...	2,548
Wheat	"	4,425	124,946
Flour	"	...	6,962
Gasolene	"	30,292	39,559
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	37,998	32,582
Sugar	"	2,107	11,723
Pulpwood	"	...	...
Autos & Parts	"	4,035	225
Paper	"	13,844	30,437
Wood Pulp	"	...	656
Soft Coal	"	81,892	158,357
Coke	"	...	5,952
Iron Ore	"	...	...
Sand	"	...	1,791
All other freight	"	24,919	40,920
Total Freight	"	199,512	664,091

<u>St. Lawrence Canals:</u>			
Vessels	No.	73	391
Registered Tonnage	Tons	49,224	316,187
Passengers	No.	...	...
Barley	Tons	...	7,451
Corn	"	...	116,827
Oats	"	...	4,132
Rye	"	...	2,534
Wheat	"	4,856	79,845
Flour	"	...	5,560
Gasolene	"	1,900	24,306
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	12,925	13,253
Sugar	"	...	3,604
Pulpwood	"	...	280
Autos & Parts	"	86	261
Paper	"	25	5,528
Wood Pulp	"	...	6,170
Hard Coal	"	...	1,448
Soft Coal	"	14,099	23,775
Sand	"	...	8,995
All other Freight	"	15,870	47,883
Total Freight	"	49,761	551,852

		<u>Ottawa River Canal</u>		<u>Rideau Canal</u>	
		1939	1938	1939	1938
Vessels	No.	...	66	...	...
Registered Tonnage	Tons	...	14,938	...	...
Passengers	No.	...	...	...	...
Total Freight	Tons	...	11,792	...	...
		<u>Chambly Canal</u>		<u>Trent Canal</u>	
Vessels	No.	...	11	...	16
Registered Tonnage	Tons	...	1,099	...	41
Passengers	No.	...	...	...	24
Total Freight	Tons	...	1,330	...	6
		<u>Murray Canal</u>		<u>St. Peters Canal</u>	
Vessels	No.	...	...	8	20
Registered Tonnage	Tons	...	...	142	1,064
Passengers	No.	...	...	...	...
Total Freight	Tons	...	...	8	183
		<u>St. Andrew's Canal</u>		<u>All Canadian Canals</u>	
Vessels	No.	...	...	257	1,023
Registered Tonnage	Tons	...	...	321,682	1,113,305
Passengers	No.	...	...	18	40
Total Freight	Tons	...	...	266,718	1,198,907

Price per year 50 cents.





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