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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

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Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks:- Traffic was fairly heavy through the Sault Ste. Marie locks during November totalling 11,806,016 tons of freight, an increase of nearly 720,000 tons or 6.5 p.c. over the same month last year. Some 2,486 vessels passed as against 2,166. East bound tonnage rose by 1,291,586 due to an increase of 1,590,000 tons in the downward movement of iron ore but wheat was off 268,800 tons from November, 1947. West bound traffic was down 571,643 tons with coal 624,500 tons lighter although gas and oil were up 39,008 tons. To the end of November 114,261,844 tons of traffic were handled compared with 109,264,708 in the same period last year, up 4.6 p.c.

Welland Ship Canal:- Total traffic showed a small gain over November, 1947, at 1,510,615 tons compared with 1,496,367 tons. Gains were shown in barley, wheat, sugar, and soft coal which increased from 490,244 to 587,716 tons. The movement of rye, flour, petroleum, pulpwood and paper, and iron ore was lighter, ore dropping from 183,676 to 63,029 tons. From the opening of navigation 13,051,359 tons passed as against 11,357,817 tons last year, an increase of 1,693,542 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:- Total traffic using the canal system during November aggregated 822,135 tons, down 149,507 tons from the same month of 1947. Soft coal declined 120,898 tons from the previous November to 286,912 tons. Flour, oats, rye, petroleum oils and pulpwood also moved in lighter volume while barley, wheat, gasoline and paper registered increases. From April 17th to the end of November, the system shows 7,356,183 tons passing as against 7,145,507 tons last season.

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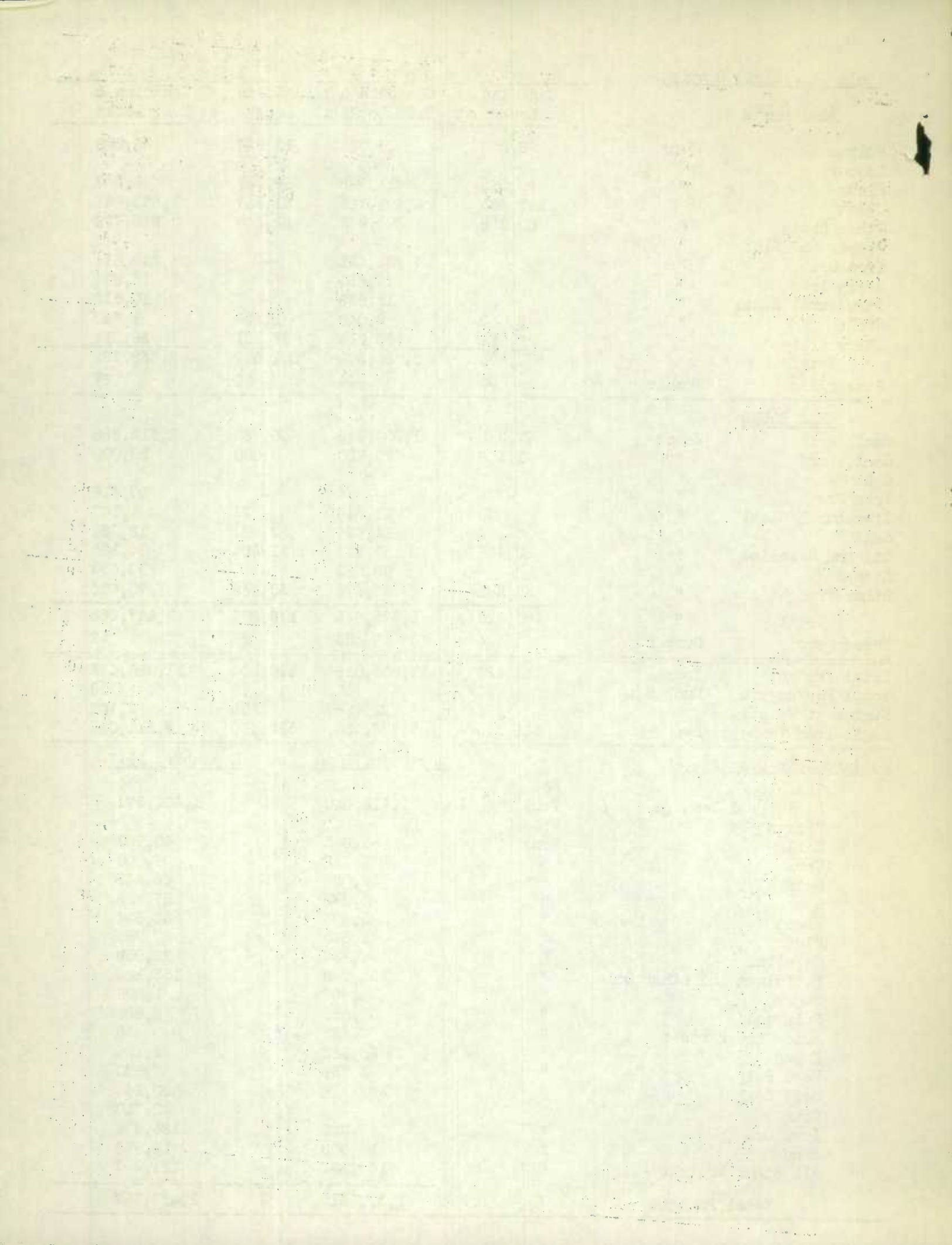
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<u>EAST BOUND</u>		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
Pulpwood	Tons	8,800	26,024	13,826	35,228
Lumber	"	-	-	-	-
Flour	"	10,365	11,798	8,947	8,947
Wheat	"	109,783	1,401,723	61,557	1,670,441
Other Grain	"	80,918	690,977	82,846	615,778
Copper and Zinc	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	7,732,471	-	6,242,614
Scrap Iron	"	-	19,650	-	15,894
Structural Steel	"	-	12,639	-	10,512
Stone	"	2,040	2,040	1,360	1,360
Other Freight	"	29,989	33,049	33,161	38,011
<b>Total</b>	"	<b>241,895</b>	<b>9,930,571</b>	<b>201,697</b>	<b>8,638,785</b>
Passengers	Number	30	44	22	67

<u>WEST BOUND</u>		1 9 4 8		1 9 4 7	
Coal, soft	Tons	77,352	1,504,948	48,786	2,119,655
Coal, hard	"	1,328	29,220	5,000	39,000
Coke	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	-	-	10,416
Structural Steel	"	30	11,348	74	1,140
Salt	"	452	11,624	2,697	12,782
Oil and Gasoline	"	30,776	133,171	11,584	94,163
Stone	"	-	98,762	-	94,439
Other Freight	"	59,591	86,572	50,666	75,693
<b>Total</b>	"	<b>169,529</b>	<b>1,875,645</b>	<b>118,807</b>	<b>2,447,288</b>
Passengers	Number	14	20	27	52

Total Freight	Tons	411,424	11,806,016	320,504	11,086,073
Total Passengers	Number	44	64	49	119
Number of Vessels		439	2,486	285	2,166
Registered Tonnage	Net	551,545	9,672,054	528,484	8,511,065

<u>Welland Ship Canal:</u>		November, 1948	November, 1947
Vessels	No.	710	704
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,413,610	1,402,574
Passengers	No.	-	-
Barley	Tons	55,822	40,727
Corn	"	5,712	7,000
Oats	"	14,086	22,549
Rye	"	2,072	27,725
Wheat	"	293,503	234,344
Flour	"	1,320	7,986
Gasoline	"	94,736	92,908
Petroleum and other Oils	"	134,238	155,125
Sugar	"	4,462	1,906
Pulpwood	"	37,680	42,886
Autos and Parts	"	173	35
Paper	"	28,412	32,166
Wood Pulp	"	3,759	7,670
Soft Coal	"	587,716	490,244
Coke	"	-	12,710
Iron Ore	"	63,029	183,676
Sand	"	19,008	14,753
All other Freight	"	164,887	121,957
<b>Total Freight</b>	"	<b>1,510,615</b>	<b>1,496,367</b>





St. Lawrence Canals:		November, 1948	November, 1947
Vessels	No.	861	1,073
Registered Tonnage	Tons	729,908	868,106
Passengers	No.	-	-
Barley	Tons	20,560	21,613
Corn	"	18,816	7,699
Oats	"	1,037	7,917
Rye	"	840	32,636
Wheat	"	141,867	107,536
Flour	"	1,971	7,986
Gasoline	"	71,859	45,493
Petroleum and other Oils	"	69,215	87,651
Sugar	"	6,673	5,562
Pulpwood	"	37,914	66,492
Autos and Parts	"	-	88
Paper	"	14,568	12,411
Wood Pulp	"	3,011	6,375
Hard Coal	"	1,740	3,289
Soft Coal	"	286,912	407,810
Sand	"	25,565	25,815
All other Freight	"	119,587	125,269
Total Freight	"	822,135	971,642

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal		Richelieu River Canal	
		1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Vessels	No.	107	125	12	18	69	113
Registered Tonnage	Tons	26,773	27,814	536	782	10,301	13,095
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	22,452	22,907	55	160	9,840	10,019
Pleasure Craft		85	42	99	89	-	5

		Trent Canal		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
		1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Vessels	No.	62	48	5	9	55	59
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,322	4,394	2,855	3,643	4,543	4,184
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total Freight	Tons	3,795	2,890	-	-	1,248	2,567
Pleasure Craft		-	49	53	12	-	-

		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Vessels	No.	1	9	2,321	2,442
Registered Tonnage	Tons	141	457	2,745,534	2,852,768
Passengers	No.	-	-	45	50
Total Freight	Tons	5	63	2,781,569	2,827,119
Pleasure Craft		-	-	237	197

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