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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

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The movement of traffic through Canadian canals got off to a good start in April with the season of navigation opening a little earlier than last year. Total freight movement through Canadian locks during the month was 969,089 tons, up 146,780 tons or nearly 18 p.c. over April, 1947, while vessels passing were 959 against 729.

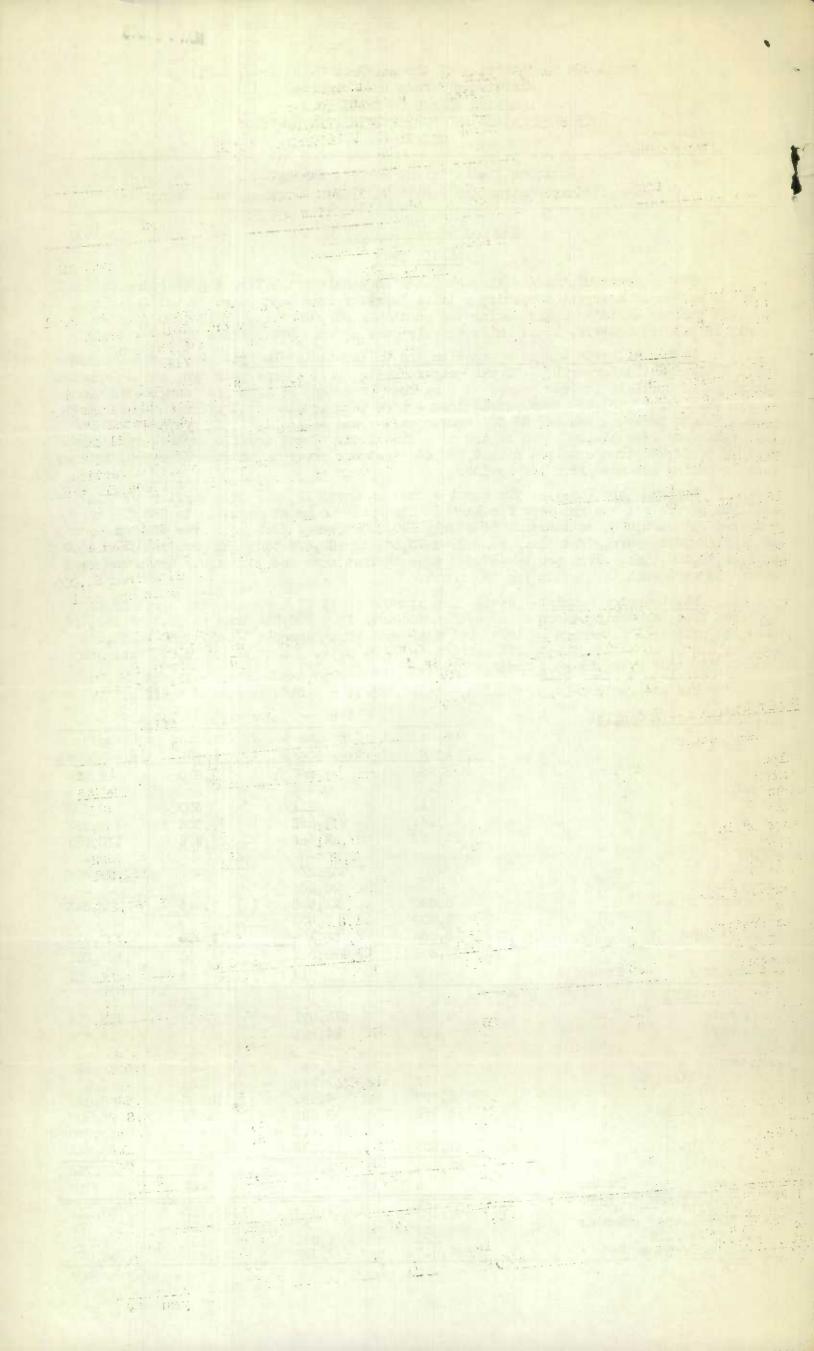
Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks:- Navigation opened April 2 through the larger U. S. locks compared with April 10 one year ago, while Canadian locks opened April 15 in both years. A very heavy movement of iron ore inaugurated the season when some 7,461,237 tons passed down - more than double the traffic in April last year. Wheat, however, was off 85,371 tons. West-bound coal shipments were down 140,000 tons but stone rose 114,000 tons in the same direction. Total traffic in both directions reached 8,464,763 tons compared with 4,766,544 one year previous, a gain of 3,698,219 tons. Vessels moving advanced from 132 to 190.

Welland Ship Canal: The canal opened on March 22, two days earlier than in 1947 but no freight was reported for March. The April movement amounted to 669,653 tons compared with 479,896, an increase of nearly 190,000 tons or 39.6 p.c. over the same month of the preceding year. Petroleum rose from 70,164 to 190,868 tons and gasoline from 54,000 to over 78,200 tons. Iron ore was 97,636 tons against none one year ago. Grain and coal movements were much lighter during the month.

St. Lawrence Canals: - Navigation started April 17 compared with April 19 in 1947 but freight passing through the system declined from 206,335 tons in 1947 to 134,453 with the principal recession in soft coal shipments which dropped 76,377 tons to 31,944 for the month, due to Mar. 15-Apr. 13 strike in U. S. pits. Wheat was up 6,272 tons and paper 4,524 tons over the same month of 1947.

The smaller canals, Richelieu, Ottawa, etc., reported increased traffic.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:			1948	1947		
EAST BOUND		Canadian Lock	: Canadian & : U.S. Locks	:	Canadian Lock	: Canadian & : U.S. Locks
Pulpwood	Tons	6,650	6,650		1,810	1,810
Lumber	11		_		-	
Flour	TT .	111	111		500	500
Wheat	11	42,651	261,551		33,603	346,922
Other Grain	11	20,517	72,385		23,876	110,891
Copper	11	_	_		_	_
Iron Ore	11		7,461,237		_	3,684,207
Scrap Iron	If		24,565		_	_
Structural Steel	†1	5,880	11,848		5,543	5,543
Stone	11	3,400	3,400		_	_
Other Freight	11	18,686	29,164		13,928	13,928
Total	11	97,895	7,870,911		79,260	4,163,801
Passengers	Number	5	17		4	11
WEST BOUND						
Coal, hard	Tons	20,989	315,871		14,468	455,493
Coal, hard	88	2,600	24,261			13,876
Coke	11	_				
Iron ore	11	_	15,635		_	28,336
Structural Steel	79	152	2,359		231	2,847
Salt	††	2,699	4,499		3,096	3,096
Oil and Gasoline	11	13,951	53,482		3,726	24,500
Stone	21		164,473		_	50,750
Other Freight	11	11,899	13,272		22,932	23,845
Total	11	52,290	593,852		44,453	602,743
Passengers	Number	9	16		11	17
Total Freight	Tons	150,185	8,464,763		123,713	4,766,544
Total Passengers	Number	14	33		15	28
Number of Vessels	37	190	1,843		132	1,033
Registered Tonnage	Net	366,847	7,977,792		294,698	4,558,674
3/6/48					Price	per year 50¢



Welland Ship Canal:			2	April,	1948	A	pril, 19	47		
Vessels	No	No.		436		247				
Registered Tonnage		Tons		666,591		467,490		90		
Passengers		No.		23		20.000				
Barley Corn	Tons			7,032		27,867 7,540				
Cats	11				-		6,3			
fiye	11				red		_			
Wheat	11				57,788		58,1	09		
Flour	11						-			
Gasoline	It			78,237		53,999				
Petroleum & other O	ils "			190,868		70,164		64		
Sugar Pulpwood	11				48					
Autos and Parts	11			6		114		14		
Paper	11			16,844		13,900				
Wood pulp	H					_				
Soft Coal	11			119,670		176,535				
Coke		11		18,312		-				
Iron Ore	11			97,636		35 050				
Sand	11			26,100		15,050				
All other Freight			57,112			50,227				
Total Freight	11		H. W.	669,653			479,8	96		
St. Lawrence Canals:										
Vessels	No.			201				18		
Registered Tonnage	To	ns		1	33,069		179,1			
Passengers	No						-			
Barley	Tons			-		-				
Corn	11			5,062		5,083				
Oats Rye	11				_					
Wheat	11				20,948		14,6	76		
Flour	11				-		_			
Gasoline	!!				21,348		22,1	80		
Petroleum & other O	ils "				10,353		11,6			
Sugar	11				342		6	84		
Pulpwood Autos and Parts	11			24		213				
Paper	11			6,424		1,900				
Wood pulp	11				3,007	-	1 1 -		a a Tal	
Hard Coal	- 11				-				1. d.	
Soft Coal	11				31,944		108,3		int o	
Sand	17				6,200	113	7,3		2	
All other Freight	"			28,801		34,324		na returnation of	4 5 6	
Total Freight	!!			134,453		206,335		35	Cara and	
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Registered Tonnage Tons	11,769	11,118		-	-		1,083		600	
Passengers No.	-	0 550		-	-		0 000		- 005	
Total Freight Tons Pleasure Craft Lockages	8,600	8,550					2,002		665	
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	UE	nal			nal			nal		
Vessels Nc.	-	-		10			62		60	
Registered Tonnage Tons	-	-		2,687	-		2,638		4,538	
Passengers No. Total Freight Tons	100			805	649		3,391		3,150	
Pleasure Craft Lockages	A STEEL OF	-		22 -		0,091			-	
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		2020		300 4.1						
Vessels No. hegistered Tonnage Tons		-				7 70	959		729	
Registered Tonnage Tons Passengers No.		-				0 لـ و لـ	4,684 37		957,615	
Total Freight Tons				-		96	9,089		822,309	
Fleasure Craft Lockages		-		-			71		-	
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