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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

MAY, 1948

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks:- Total traffic through the locks during May increased to 15,851,791 tons from 15,122,876 tons in May 1947. Shipments of wheat and also other grains declined but iron ore increased from 10,823,144 to 11,686,104 tons, pulpwood from 50,100 to 104,061 tons, soft coal from 2,137,969 to 2,300,807 tons, oil and gasoline from 142,303 to 175,344 tons and westbound stone from 218,509 to 280,162 tons.

Welland Ship Canal:- Total traffic using the canal increased to 1,880,734 tons from 1,766,424 tons in May last year. The large increases were 108,399 tons of iron ore, 26,003 tons of flaxseed, 15,336 tons of pulpwood and 69,054 tons of miscellaneous freight. Shipments of barley, corn, oats and wheat all showed decreases. Soft coal declined by 14,093 tons, sand, gravel and stone by 28,429 tons and iron, pig and bloom by 16,813 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals:- Due to large decreases in shipments of wheat and coal total traffic declined to 994,921 tons from 1,063,925 tons in May 1947. Wheat declined from 266,499 to 223,343 tons, soft coal from 417,139 to 328,932 tons, coke from 6,863 tons to no shipments, and corn from 15,690 to 7,317 tons. Flaxseed increased by 19,119 tons, gasoline by 16,425 tons, pulpwood by 14,804 tons and iron ore by 10,190 tons.

<u>Sault Ste. Marie Canals</u>		1948		1947	
		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
<u>EAST BOUND</u>					
Pulpwood	Tons	33,640	104,061	28,844	50,100
Lumber	"	-	-	100	100
Flour	"	7,843	7,843	11,415	11,415
Wheat	"	50,622	888,636	111,859	1,068,154
Other Grain	"	78,083	199,158	89,474	382,416
Copper and Zinc	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	2,734	11,686,104	-	10,823,144
Scrap Iron	"	-	-	-	6,076
Structural Steel	"	-	17,533	20	19,005
Stone	"	3,740	3,740	3,370	3,370
Other Freight	"	31,688	34,122	34,802	40,077
Total	"	208,350	12,941,197	279,884	12,403,857
Passengers	Number	1,921	2,346	1,756	1,771
<u>WEST BOUND</u>					
Coal, soft	Tons	43,197	2,300,807	31,261	2,137,969
Coal, hard	"	-	59,507	-	45,142
Coke	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	19,376	1,100	73,934
Structural Steel	"	18	621	606	4,359
Salt	"	104	3,668	1,639	12,787
Oil and Gasoline	"	41,735	175,344	13,994	142,303
Stone	"	-	280,162	-	218,509
Other Freight	"	59,590	71,109	44,728	84,016
Total	"	144,644	2,910,594	93,328	2,719,019
Passengers	Number	1,335	2,398	1,332	1,829
Total Freight	Tons	352,994	15,851,791	373,212	15,122,876
Total Passengers	Number	3,256	4,744	3,088	3,600
Vessels	"	387	2,877	383	2,734
Registered Tonnage	Net	739,058	11,664,024	712,736	11,120,283



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Nelland Ship Canal:

		May, 1948	May, 1947
Vessels	No.	898	787
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,636,386	1,586,814
Passengers	No.	3,062	3,305
Barley	Tons	37,960	77,079
Corn	"	8,190	12,942
Oats	"	20,474	26,722
Rye	"	5,888	-
Wheat	"	329,963	339,406
Flour	"	448	400
Gasoline	"	100,702	101,813
Petroleum and other Oils	"	185,770	187,498
Sugar	"	2,542	1,042
Pulpwood	"	17,736	2,400
Autos and Parts	"	62	353
Paper	"	33,840	26,063
Wood Pulp	"	715	2,866
Soft Coal	"	689,682	703,775
Coke	"	-	7,991
Iron Ore	"	239,695	131,296
Sand	"	8,750	37,179
All other Freight	"	198,317	107,599
Total Freight	"	1,880,734	1,766,424

St. Lawrence Canals:

Vessels	No.	1,089	1,107
Registered Tonnage	Tons	850,211	924,968
Passengers	No.	-	-
Barley	Tons	9,874	7,366
Corn	"	7,317	15,690
Oats	"	13,086	11,257
Rye	"	4,172	-
Wheat	"	223,343	266,499
Flour	"	448	-
Gasoline	"	92,922	76,497
Petroleum and other Oils	"	81,824	83,398
Sugar	"	3,273	2,581
Pulpwood	"	28,738	-
Autos and Parts	"	109	533
Paper	"	18,573	11,914
Wood Pulp	"	2,716	1,880
Hard Coal	"	-	-
Soft Coal	"	328,932	417,139
Sand	"	53,750	58,745
All other Freight	"	125,844	110,426
Total Freight	"	994,921	1,063,925

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal		Richelieu River Canal	
		1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Vessels	No.	203	210	39	21	47	26
Registered Tonnage	Tons	56,036	46,409	2,002	808	11,976	4,337
Passengers	No.	-	-	(1) 32	(1) 6	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	47,495	38,500	69	85	11,577	4,052
Pleasure Craft Lockages		252	135	804	545	11	5
		Trent Canal		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
Vessels	No.	33	41	12	-	165	117
Registered Tonnage	Tons	4,491	2,529	5,552	-	6,596	2,680
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total Freight	Tons	1,991	2,083	-	-	2,949	1,137
Pleasure Craft Lockages		-	163	21	-	-	-
		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals			
		1948	1947	1948	1947		
Vessels	No.	-	5	2,873	2,697		
Registered Tonnage	Tons	-	671	3,312,308	3,282,500		
Passengers	No.	-	-	6,351	6,399		
Total Freight	Tons	-	30	3,292,730	3,249,538		
Pleasure Craft Lockages		-	-	1,088	848		

(1) Exclusive of 756 passengers at Ottawa.



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