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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

JULY, 1948

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks:- Total traffic through the system during July aggregated 15,994,058 tons, down 225,420 tons from July, 1947. The downbound volume declined 1,267,518 tons with a decrease of 1,177,000 tons in iron ore and 98,528 tons in wheat. However, the westbound traffic increased from 1,701,595 to 2,743,693 tons, soft coal rising 1,098,184 tons to 2,304,299 while stone declined nearly 100,000 tons to 96,966 tons. The increase in passengers was from 29,208 to 34,260 for the month.

Welland Ship Canal:- Heavier grain, coal and iron ore shipments contributed to an advance of 24 p.c. or 342,533 tons to 1,763,207 tons. Gasoline declined 17,714 tons while petroleum oils were 55,537 tons lighter than in the previous July. Miscellaneous freight rose from 108,442 to 165,054 tons. Soft coal passing through the canal weighed 596,922 tons against 405,776 tons one year earlier while wheat was up 29,670 tons at 214,164. Some 859 vessels were locked through compared with 789.

St. Lawrence Canals:- Total freight using the canals rose to 1,072,934, up 77,079 over July, 1947. Barley and oats were much heavier while wheat declined. Gasoline was lighter but petroleum and other oils increased from 117,529 to 156,230 tons. Soft coal was down slightly while other freight rose over 29,000 tons. Passengers were 1,169 fewer at 3,650.

Traffic on the smaller canals was fairly well maintained with the Ottawa and Richelieu Canals handling considerably more freight.

All the Canadian Canals locked 3,163,521 tons of freight during the month compared with 2,711,242 tons one year earlier.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

		1948		1947	
		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
<u>EAST BOUND</u>					
Lumber	Tons	-	-	-	-
Pulpwood	"	27,950	137,532	27,970	154,833
Flour	"	7,588	7,588	4,990	4,990
Wheat	"	41,630	579,044	46,051	677,572
Other Grain	"	70,002	185,373	35,759	167,139
Copper and Zinc	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	12,265,354	2,673	13,441,976
Scrap Iron	"	-	16,951	-	6,048
Structural Steel	"	-	12,609	-	18,372
Stone	"	3,000	3,000	5,400	5,400
Other Freight	"	32,230	42,914	38,886	41,553
Total	"	182,400	13,250,365	161,729	14,517,883
Passengers	Number	14,548	17,425	12,312	15,066
<u>WEST BOUND</u>					
Coal, soft	Tons	17,322	2,304,299	16,540	1,206,115
Coal, hard	"	-	37,621	-	19,049
Coke	"	-	-	4,440	4,440
Iron Ore	"	-	85,736	-	58,422
Structural Steel	"	649	3,587	413	7,072
Salt	"	83	6,830	501	6,695
Oil and Gasoline	"	12,175	121,721	8,514	122,230
Stone	"	-	96,966	-	196,098
Other Freight	"	47,621	86,933	48,567	81,474
Total	"	77,850	2,743,693	78,975	1,701,595
Passengers	Number	4,333	16,835	4,879	14,142
Total Freight	Tons	260,250	15,994,058	240,704	16,219,478
Total Passengers	Number	18,881	34,260	17,191	29,208
Number of Vessels		600	3,519	437	3,283
Registered Tonnage	Net	655,726	11,641,520	652,244	12,577,597

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Welland Ship Canal:-

		July, 1948	July, 1947
Vessels	No.	859	789
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,573,087	1,280,873
Passengers	No.	25	15
Barley	Tons	40,909	12,981
Corn	"	7,700	4,182
Oats	"	16,772	13,095
Rye	"	-	-
Wheat	"	214,164	184,494
Flour	"	-	600
Gasoline	"	84,546	102,260
Petroleum and other Oils	"	171,235	226,772
Sugar	"	5,993	1,828
Pulpwood	"	80,440	89,434
Autos and Parts	"	87	1,058
Paper	"	22,737	22,596
Wood Pulp	"	9,366	427
Soft Coal	"	596,922	405,776
Coke	"	5,880	11,063
Iron Ore	"	299,782	202,516
Sand	"	41,620	33,150
All other Freight	"	165,054	108,442
Total Freight	"	1,763,207	1,420,674

St. Lawrence Canals:

Vessels	No.	1,211	1,152
Registered Tonnage	Tons	919,913	874,491
Passengers	No.	3,650	4,819
Barley	Tons	29,812	3,941
Corn	"	5,180	4,853
Oats	"	10,964	1,360
Rye	"	-	-
Wheat	"	112,277	139,914
Flour	"	-	600
Gasoline	"	50,086	75,624
Petroleum and other Oils	"	156,230	117,529
Sugar	"	6,888	4,049
Pulpwood	"	89,270	86,108
Autos and Parts	"	157	1,023
Paper	"	7,397	3,326
Wood Pulp	"	10,276	-427
Hard Coal	"	7,471	-
Soft Coal	"	387,394	392,786
Sand	"	57,922	45,789
All other Freight	"	141,610	112,526
Total Freight	"	1,072,934	995,855

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal		Richelieu River Canal	
		1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Vessels	No.	159	149	31	18	97	98
Registered Tonnage	Tons	47,414	38,967	683	897	15,810	12,018
Passengers	No.	-	-	(1) 81	(1) 20	-	29
Total Freight	Tons	41,202	33,257	263	123	14,363	8,759
Pleasure Craft		809	612	6,195	4,620	146	116
		Trent Canal		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
		1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Vessels	No.	83	84	10	11	72	109
Registered Tonnage	Tons	11,127	5,400	5,710	4,506	4,879	3,875
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	53	217
Total Freight	Tons	5,772	4,128	-	250	1,894	2,375
Pleasure Craft		1	4,257	323	274	-	-
		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals			
		1948	1947	1948	1947		
Vessels	No.	141	142	3,351	2,989		
Registered Tonnage	Tons	16,184	16,969	3,250,533	2,890,230		
Passengers	No.	924	805	23,614	23,096		
Total Freight	Tons	3,636	5,117	3,163,521	2,711,242		
Pleasure Craft		71	91	7,545	9,970		

(1) Exclusive of 5,027 passengers at Ottawa.

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