

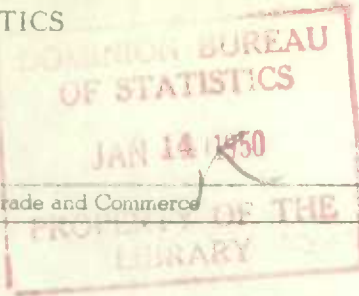


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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

NOVEMBER, 1949

The tonnage of freight passing through all Canadian canals during November was 2,504,557 tons as compared with 2,781,569 tons during the corresponding month of 1948. Shipments of grain increased nearly 245,000 tons through the three main Canadian canals. The effects of the slow down in the United States soft coal industry continued to be reflected in a decrease of over 578,000 tons of soft coal moving through the three main systems as compared with November of 1948. During the month under review there were 2,281 vessels locked through or 40 less than November, 1948. The number of pleasure craft reported as 236 was considerably reduced from the preceding year.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks:- There was a drastic reduction in the total freight tonnage passing through the combined Canadian and United States locks. The volume of traffic dropped from 11,806,016 tons in November of 1948, to 3,548,422 tons in November of 1949, registering the lowest tonnage for the month since 1934. Iron ore shipments dropped from 7,732,471 tons in November, 1948, to 803,283 tons in the present month. The 803,283 tons of iron ore was an improvement over the preceding month when shipments dropped to 123,604 tons due to the general steel strike in the United States which lasted 41 days to November 11th. Vessels passing numbered 1,007 against 2,486 in November, 1948. Eastbound volume for the month was down 7,560,511 tons from 9,930,371 tons during the same period of 1948, with declines in iron ore accounting for 6,937,252 tons of the reduction. Pulpwood was down nearly 72 p.c., with flour, wheat, other grains and scrap iron showing moderate drops. Westbound traffic at 1,178,562 tons was down from the 1,875,645 tons reported a year earlier. Soft coal and stone dropped sharply with substantial gains in hard coal shipments which were not affected by strikes.

Welland Ship Canal:- Due to lighter movement of wheat and soft coal, the tonnage of freight moving through the canal in November declined to 1,279,347 tons from 1,510,615 tons one year earlier. Good increases were shown in corn, oats, petroleum, paper, woodpulp and sand, but wheat dropped from 293,503 to 180,232 tons and soft coal shipments were halved at 243,795 tons against 587,716 tons recorded in November of 1948. However, cumulative totals for the period, March 15 to November 30, show little change in tonnage from the preceding year.

St. Lawrence Canals:- Despite a greatly reduced soft coal movement, a total of 924,708 tons of freight moved through the system during November, a gain of 102,573 tons or 12.5 p.c. over the corresponding period of 1948. Barley was up from 20,560 to 31,544, corn jumped from 18,816 to 110,907 tons, oats from 1,037 to 46,362 tons, while wheat, gasoline, petroleum, sugar, autos, paper, woodpulp all were heavier. Declines were principally in soft coal off from 286,912 to 99,748 tons and in pulpwood, rye, flour, hard coal and sand.

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Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

1949 : 1948

EAST BOUND

Canadian Lock : Canadian & U.S. Locks : Canadian Lock : Canadian & U.S. Locks

	Tons				
Pulpwood		-	7,400	8,800	26,024
Lumber	"	-	-	-	-
Flour		4,218	5,893	10,365	11,798
Wheat		36,283	894,470	109,783	1,401,723
Other Grain		95,328	597,033	80,918	690,977
Copper and Zinc	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	795,219	-	7,732,471
Scrap Iron	"	-	18,805	-	19,650
Structural Steel	"	-	11,853	-	12,639
Stone	"	2,700	2,700	2,040	2,040
Other Freight	"	27,006	36,487	29,989	33,049
<b>Total</b>	"	<b>165,535</b>	<b>2,369,860</b>	<b>241,895</b>	<b>9,930,371</b>
Passengers	Number	11	19	30	44

WEST BOUND

Coal, soft	Tons	30,158	856,501	77,352	1,504,948
Coal, hard	"	5,754	66,516	1,328	29,220
Coke	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	8,064	-	-
Structural Steel	"	1,807	13,967	30	11,348
Salt	"	375	13,755	452	11,624
Oil and Gasoline	"	8,577	90,665	30,776	133,171
Stone	"	-	55,306	-	98,762
Other Freight	"	49,980	73,788	59,591	86,572
<b>Total</b>	"	<b>96,651</b>	<b>1,178,562</b>	<b>169,529</b>	<b>1,875,645</b>
Passengers	Number	10	23	14	20
<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>262,186</b>	<b>3,548,422</b>	<b>411,424</b>	<b>11,806,016</b>
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Number of Vessels</b>		<b>242</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>2,486</b>
<b>Registered Tonnage</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>347,573</b>	<b>2,674,562</b>	<b>551,545</b>	<b>9,672,054</b>

Welland Ship Canal:

November, 1949

November, 1948

Vessels	No.	657	710
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,092,702	1,413,610
Passengers	No.	-	-
Barley	Tons	35,576	55,822
Corn	"	149,722	5,712
Oats	"	53,362	14,086
Rye	"	-	2,072
Wheat	"	180,232	293,503
Flour	"	-	1,320
Gasoline	"	89,076	94,736
Petroleum and other Oils	"	161,624	134,238
Sugar	"	2,959	4,462
Pulpwood	"	-	37,680
Autos and Parts	"	-	173
Paper	"	35,010	28,412
Wood Pulp	"	16,989	3,759
Soft Coal	"	243,795	587,716
Coke	"	2,733	-
Iron Ore	"	59,254	63,029
Sand	"	21,462	19,008
All other Freight	"	227,553	164,887
<b>Total Freight</b>	"	<b>1,279,347</b>	<b>1,510,615</b>





St. Lawrence Canals:

November, 1949

November, 1948

Vessels	No.	1,074	861
Registered Tonnage	Tons	860,045	729,908
Passengers	No.	-	-
Barley	Tons	31,544	20,560
Corn	"	110,907	18,816
Oats	"	46,362	1,037
Rye	"	-	840
Wheat	"	143,873	141,867
Flour	"	-	1,971
Gasoline	"	105,563	71,859
Petroleum and other Oils	"	79,881	69,215
Sugar	"	11,078	6,673
Pulpwood	"	13,830	37,914
Autos and Parts	"	177	-
Paper	"	21,437	14,568
Wood Pulp	"	12,854	3,011
Hard Coal	"	711	1,740
Soft Coal	"	99,748	286,912
Sand	"	19,805	25,565
All other freight	"	226,938	119,587
<b>Total Freight</b>	"	<b>924,708</b>	<b>822,135</b>

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal		Richelieu River Canal	
		1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Vessels	No.	105	107	16	12	115	69
Registered Tonnage	Tons	26,313	26,773	771	536	18,997	10,301
Passengers	No.	-	-	20	-	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	20,425	22,452	-	55	16,502	9,840
Pleasure Craft		69	85	114	99	-	-
		Trent Canal		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
		1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Vessels	No.	1	62	7	5	64	55
Registered Tonnage	Tons	12	5,322	2,049	2,855	5,187	4,543
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total Freight	Tons	3	3,795	-	-	1,386	1,248
Pleasure Craft		26	174	27	53	-	-
		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals			
		1949	1948	1949	1948		
Vessels	No.	-	1	2,281	2,321		
Registered Tonnage	Tons	-	141	2,353,649	2,745,534		
Passengers	No.	-	-	41	45		
Total Freight	No.	-	5	2,504,557	2,781,569		
Pleasure Craft	Tons	-	-	236	411		

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