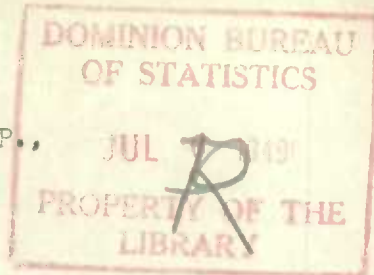


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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

MAY, 1949

Tonnage of all freight through Canadian Canals during May increased to 3,587,191 tons, a gain of 294,461 tons or nearly 9 p.c. over the same month of 1948. The heavier movement of wheat was mainly responsible for the improvement. Vessels loaded numbered 3,165 compared with 2,873 in May last year. Passengers totalled 10,653 as against 6,351 with increased traffic between Detroit and Toronto, particularly.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks:- Total freight aggregated 15,803,330 tons compared with 15,851,791 tons in May 1948 with east bound traffic up 310,198 tons and west bound declining 358,659 tons. Wheat moving eastward rose from 888,636 to 1,030,007 tons while other grains, flour, iron ore, scrap iron, stone and other freight showed gains. Pulpwood and structural steel declined from May, 1948 levels. West bound traffic registered recession in soft coal down 340,250 tons to 1,960,557 for the month and hard coal, oil and gasoline and stone also moved into Lake Superior in smaller volume. Other freight improved from 71,109 to 100,079 tons. Vessels using the canals rose from 2,877 to 3,164.

Welland Ship Canal:- The volume of freight continued the increase over 1948 first shown in April, totalling 2,051,952 tons compared with 1,880,734 in May last year, a gain of 9.1 p.c. Wheat increased from 329,963 to 520,318 tons but most other grains declined. Gasoline eased from 100,702 to 71,376 tons and iron ore was down 66,375 to 173,320 tons. Sugar, pulpwood, autos, wood pulp, coke and soft coal improved, the latter from 689,682 to 784,153 tons. There were 1,013 vessels passing compared with 898 in May last year.

St. Lawrence Canals:- Total tonnage improved from 994,921 tons in May last year to 1,191,401 tons up 19.7 p.c. Wheat again was responsible for most of the gain advancing 179,793 tons to 403,136 tons. Gasoline, barley, rye, flour, petroleum oils, sugar, autos, wood pulp, and other freight moved in larger volume this May. Declines occurred in corn, oats, pulpwood, paper, soft coal and sand. Vessels numbered 1,256 against 1,089 one year earlier.

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St. Lawrence and Welland Canals:

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EAST BOUND

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		1949	1948	1949	1948
Pulpwood	Tons	17,774	95,378	33,640	104,061
Lumber	"	-	-	-	-
Flour	"	11,143	11,143	7,843	7,843
Wheat	"	39,604	1,030,007	50,622	888,636
Other Grain	"	74,790	270,591	78,083	199,158
Copper	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	11,765,641	2,734	11,686,104
Scrap Iron	"	-	26,565	-	-
Structural Steel	"	-	11,157	-	17,533
Stone	"	4,640	4,640	3,740	3,740
Other Freight	"	30,432	36,273	31,688	34,122
Total	"	178,383	13,251,395	208,350	12,941,197
Passengers	Number	357	1,188	1,921	2,346

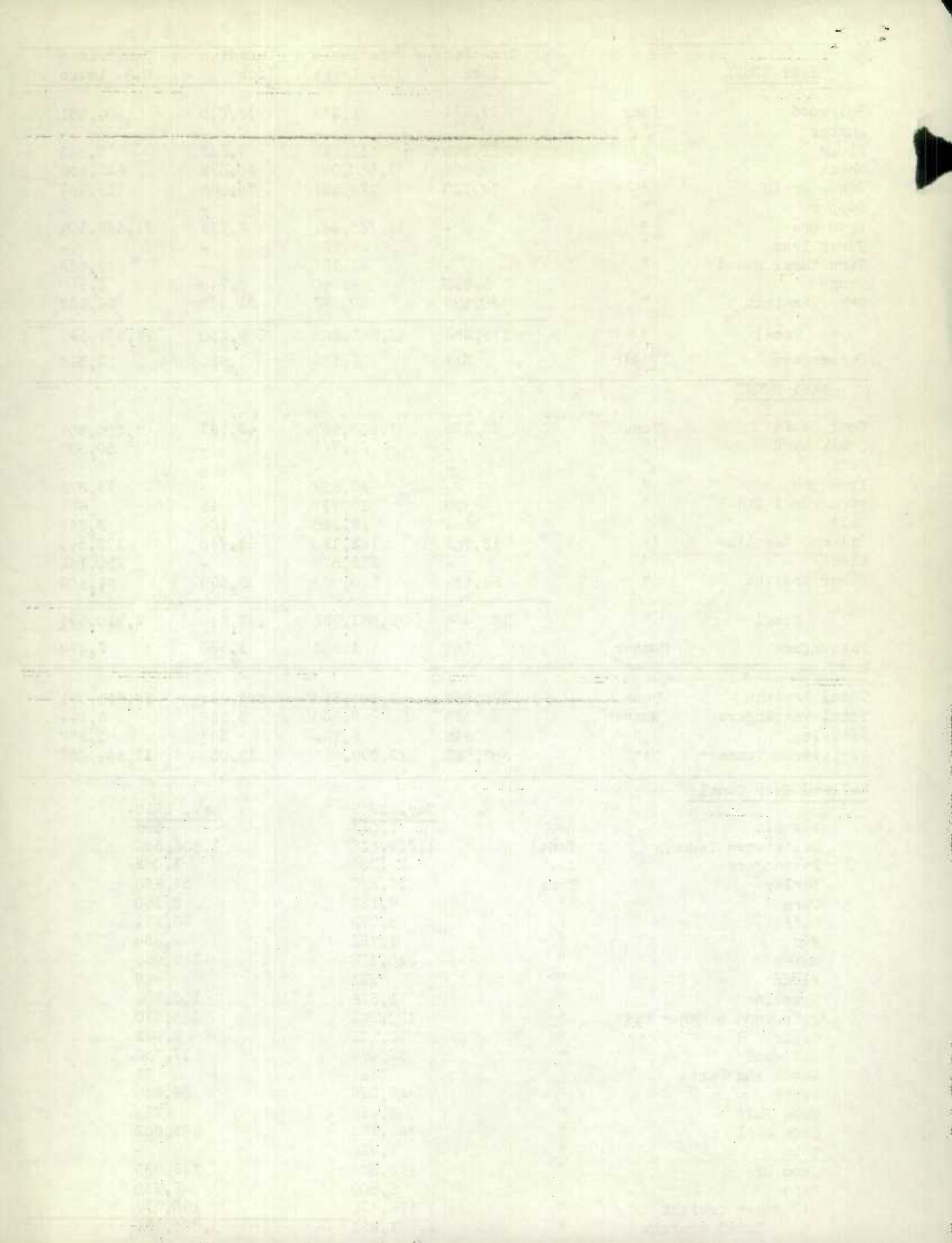
WEST BOUND

Coal, soft	Tons	30,178	1,960,557	43,197	2,300,807
Coal, hard	"	-	21,789	-	59,507
Coke	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	30,809	-	19,376
Structural Steel	"	96	10,717	18	621
Salt	"	264	12,258	104	3,668
Oil and Gasoline	"	13,762	162,150	41,735	175,344
Stone	"	-	253,576	-	280,162
Other Freight	"	58,156	100,079	59,590	71,109
Total	"	102,456	2,551,935	144,644	2,910,594
Passengers	Number	166	1,262	1,335	2,398

Total Freight	Tons	280,839	15,803,330	352,994	15,851,791
Total Passengers	Number	523	2,450	3,256	4,744
Vessels	"	418	3,164	387	2,877
Registered Tonnage	Net	602,821	12,098,485	739,058	11,664,024

Welland Ship Canal:

		May, 1949	May, 1948.
Vessels	No.	1,013	898
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,918,523	1,636,386
Passengers	No.	10,054	3,062
Barley	Tons	36,270	37,960
Corn	"	9,188	8,190
Oats	"	8,779	20,474
Rye	"	1,792	5,888
Wheat	"	520,318	329,963
Flour	"	592	448
Gasoline	"	71,376	100,702
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	180,904	185,770
Sugar	"	10,171	2,542
Pulpwood	"	37,468	17,736
Autos and Parts	"	357	62
Paper	"	27,596	33,840
Wood Pulp	"	6,446	715
Soft Coal	"	784,153	689,682
Coke	"	1,926	-
Iron Ore	"	173,320	239,695
Sand	"	6,800	8,750
All other freight	"	174,496	198,317
Total Freight	"	2,051,952	1,880,734



St. Lawrence Canals:

		May, 1949	May, 1948
Vessels	No.	1,256	1,089
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,047,613	850,211
Passengers	No.	-	-
Barley	Tons	21,741	9,874
Corn	"	5,527	7,317
Oats	"	2,486	13,086
Rye	"	4,883	4,172
Wheat	"	403,136	223,343
Flour	"	592	448
Gasoline	"	119,408	92,922
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	87,785	81,824
Sugar	"	8,169	3,273
Pulpwood	"	27,054	28,738
Autos and Parts	"	147	109
Paper	"	12,200	18,573
Wood Pulp	"	4,546	2,716
Hard Coal	"	-	-
Soft Coal	"	304,493	328,932
Sand	"	46,900	53,750
All other freight	"	142,334	125,844
Total Freight	"	1,191,401	994,921

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal		Richelieu River Canal	
		1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Vessels	No.	224	203	15	39	78	78
Registered Tonnage	Tons	55,251	56,036	633	2,002	12,402	11,976
Passengers	No.	-	-	6	32	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	47,282	47,495	20	69	12,866	11,577
Pleasure Craft		351	252	939	946	-	11

		Trent Canal		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
		1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Vessels	No.	2	33	11	12	115	165
Registered Tonnage	Tons	24	4,491	4,238	5,552	4,920	6,596
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total Freight	Tons	8	1,991	-	-	1,731	2,949
Pleasure Craft		2	337	61	21	3	-

		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Vessels	No.	33	-	3,165	2,873
Registered Tonnage	Tons	5,131	-	3,651,556	3,312,308
Passengers	No.	70	-	10,653	6,351
Total Freight	Tons	1,092	-	3,587,191	3,292,730
Pleasure Craft		41	-	1,397	1,088

(1) Exclusive of 866 passengers at Ottawa.

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