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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

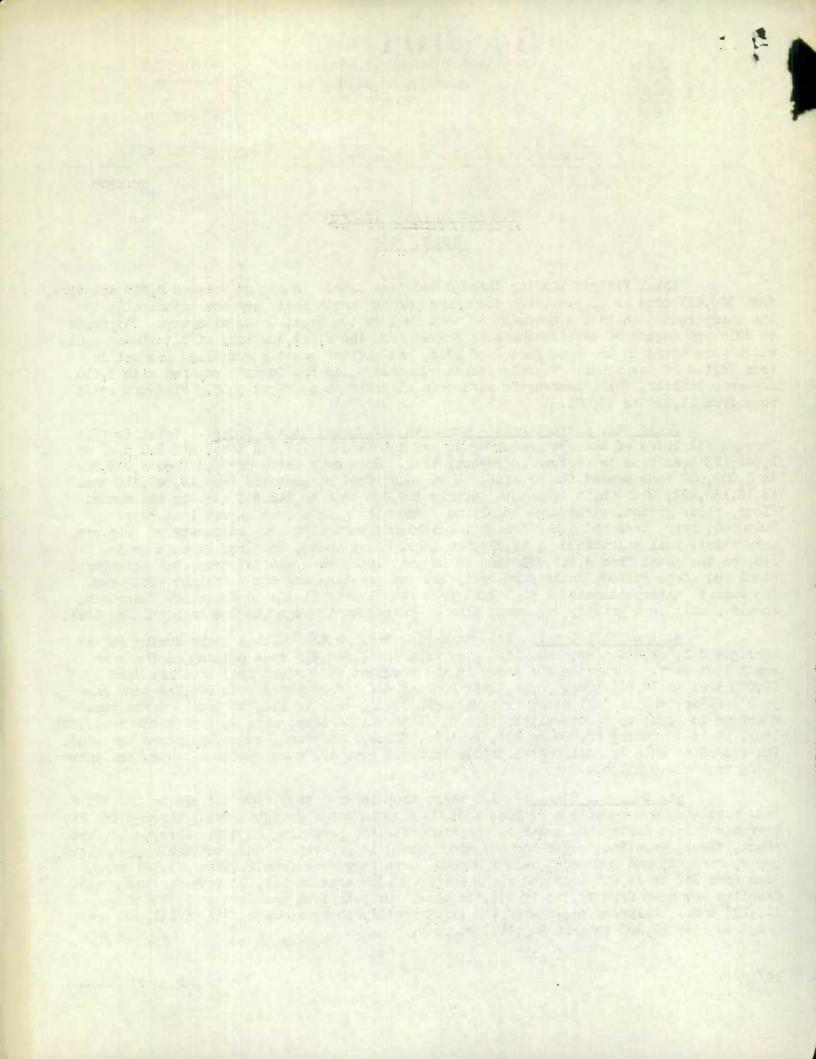
AUGUST, 1949

Total freight passing through Ganadian canals in August grossed 3,063,431 tons, down 366,457 tons or 11 p.c. from the corresponding month last year due principally to the sharp reduction in the movement of soft coal on the Great Lakes waterway. Shipments in July and August of this season were halved from the 2,313,000 tons of bituminous coal, which were moved in the same period of 1948, and reflect greatly curtailed production from United States mines. Vessels locked numbered 3,348 for August compared with 3,410 one year earlier, while passengers were down slightly at nearly 31,000. Pleasure craft rose from 11,850 to 13,005.

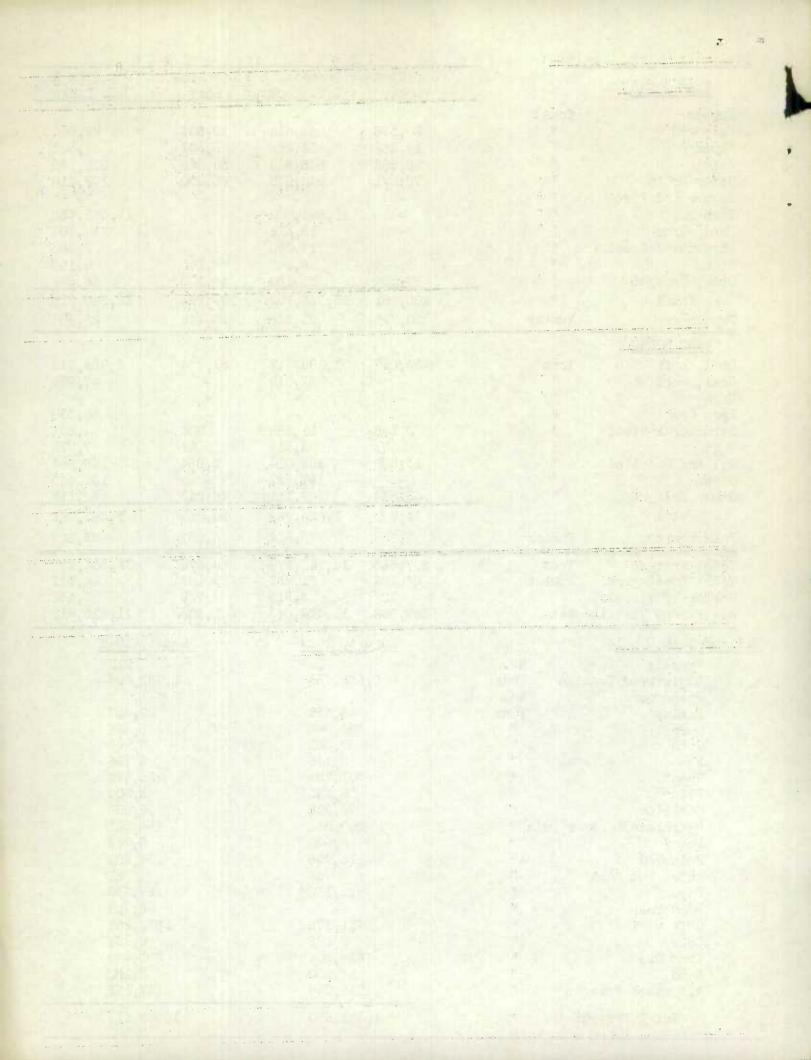
Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks: - Total traffic through all locks of the system during August totalled 14,761,279 tons, off 9.5 p.c. or 1,543,198 tons from the volume in August, 1948. Soft coal which dropped from 2,989,000 to 1,200,000 tons caused the decline. East bound freight improved from 12,840,716 tons to 13,135,292, with wheat increasing nearly 300,000 tons to 848,845 tons in the month. Flour, other grains, structural steel and stone also gained over August last year. Pulpwood, scrap iron and other freight, eastbound, were lighter. Shipments of iron ore were fairly well maintained at 11,894,009 tons. West bound, the drop in soft coal reduced the total from 3,463,761 tons in August, 1948, to 1,625,987 tons, but structural steel and stone gained, while hard coal, oil and gasoline and other freight were down. The recent authorization of a pipe line from the Alberta fields to Superior, Wisconsin, should result in a greatly augmented flow of petroleum through the Sco to Sarnia by 1961.

Welland Ship Canal: Freight moving through the Welland locks during August aggregated 1,721,670 tons, down 13.6 p.c. from the 1,969,414 tons passing in the same month last year. Recession was shown in the movement of barley, rye, gasoline down 25,000 tons to 74,628 tons, paper, soft coal at 411,178 compared with 834,266 tons one year earlier, and in 'all other freight' down 33,000 tons to 114,056 tons. Gains were recorded in corn, up spectacularly from 5,376 to 96,066 tons, oats up from 6,988 to 40,081 tons, wheat advancing 68,000 to 301,285 tons, flour, petroleum, sugar, pulpwood and sand. The record to date is still considerably improved over the same months of 1948, the increase being some 625,000 tons.

St. Lawrence Canals: - The sharp drop in soft coal from 445,893 to 199,772 tons resulted in a reduction of some 155,600 tons in total freight moving through the St. Lawrence Canals during the month as compared with the preceding August. Corn, cats, rye, wheat, flour, gasoline, sugar and pulpwood passed in greater volume, but barley, petroleum, paper, woodpulp and hard coal were reduced. Corn increased from 2,548 to 91,761 tons, oats from 352 to 25,807 tons and wheat was up 43,396 tons to 122,190 tons for the month. Gasoline advanced from 79,760 to 105,728 tons, but petroleum was down to 64,795 from 131,223 tons. Pulpwood registered the first monthly increase over 1948 at 111,644 tons compared with 80,500 tons in August last year.



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Vossels	Nc.	1,203	1,216
Registered Tonnage	Tons	865,233	951,999
Passengers	Nc.	5,169	4,744
Barley	Tons	52,952	52,807
Corn	11	91,761	2,548
Oats	FØ	25,807	352
Rye	12	5,154	1,612
Wheat	н	122,190	78,794
Flour	11	5,915	1,000
Gasoline	TE	105,728	79,760
Petroleum and other Oils	tt	64,795	131,223
Sugar	11	5,248	3,295
Pulpwood	IT	111,644	80,500
Autos and Parts	II	446	110
Paper	11	12,106	37,886
Wood Pulp	н	-	6,469
Hard Coal	22	-	2,657
Soft Coal	Ť2	199,772	445,893
Sand	11	43,740	46,475
All other freight	ff	150,965	162,439
Total Freight	17	978,223	1,133,820

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal			Richelieu River Canal	
		1949	1948	1949	1940	3 1949	1948	
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(1) Exclusive of 7,579 passengers at Ottawa.

