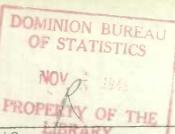


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## SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

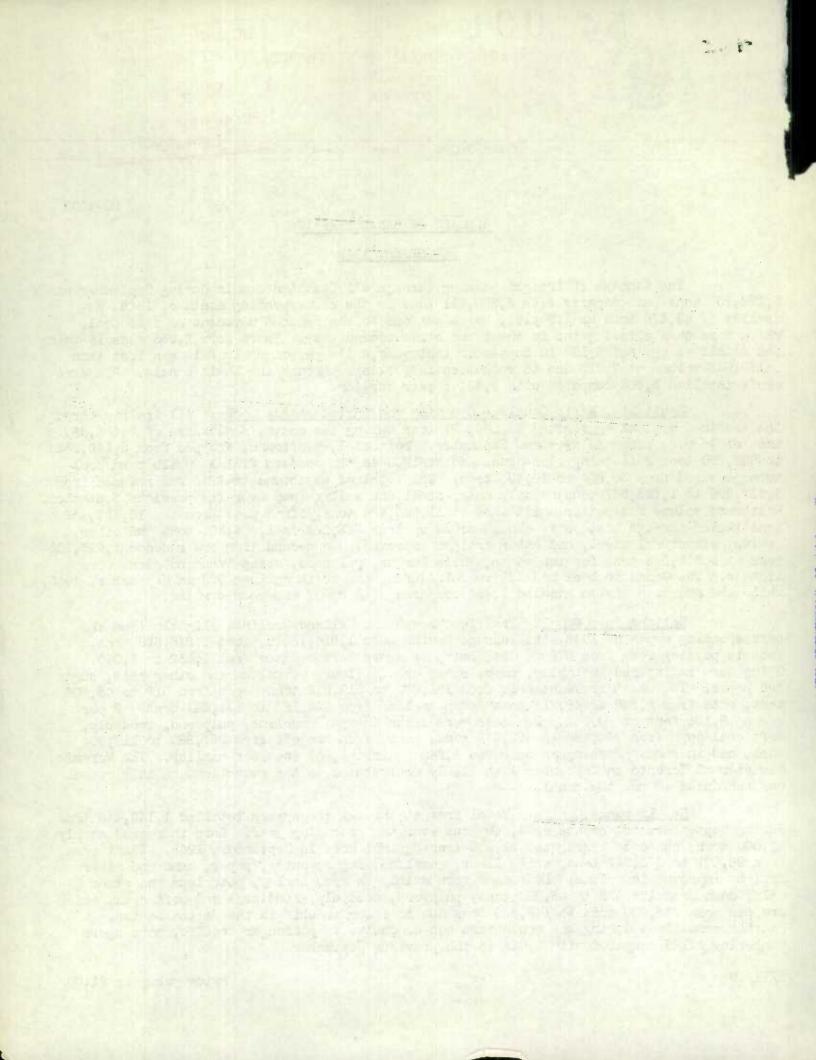
## SEPTEMBER, 1949

The tonnage of freight passing through all Canadian canals during September was 3,226,935 tons and compares with 3,290,411 tons in the corresponding month of 1948, a decline of 63,476 tons or 1.9 p.c., which was due to the reduced movement of soft coal, which more than offset gains in wheat and other commodities. There were 2,956 vessels using the canals as against 3,197 in September last year, while passenger traffic was less than half 1948 volume at 7,017 due to reduction in sailings through the Sault canals. Pleasure craft totalled 3,662 compared with 3,941 a year earlier.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks: All traffic through the combined systems aggregated 13,004,491 tons during the month, a decrease of 2,465,887 tons or 16 p.c. from the previous September. Soft coal, westbound, dropped from 2,566,232 to 969,299 tons reflecting slow-downs and strikes in the eastern fields, while hard coal tonnage eased from 50,804 to 16,493 tons. The total of westbound traffic was reduced from 3,017,896 to 1,323,567 tons as only coke, steel and salt gained over the previous September. Eastbound volume was better maintained at 11,680,924 tons, off 7 p.c. from the 12,452,482 tons locked through last year. Wheat moved up from 765,124 to 1,304,561 tons and other grains, structural steel, and other freight improved. Downbound iron ore receded 1,293,505 tons at 9,945,328 tons for the month, while lumber, pulpwood, scrap iron and stone were lighter. The Canadian lock had 373 vessels during the month against 526 in September, 1948, while the American system handled 2,474 compared with 2,607 one year earlier.

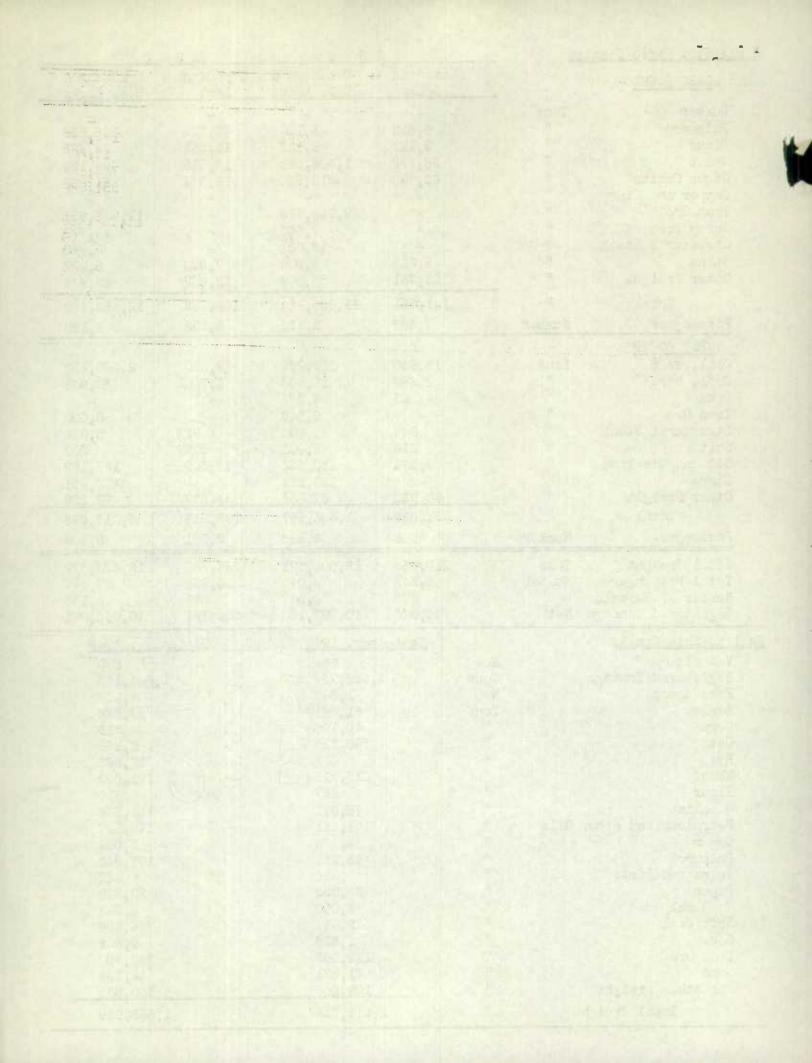
Welland Ship Canal: Traffic through the Welland declined slightly from the corresponding month of 1948, the tonnage having been 1,814,735 against 1,838,629 tons. Vessels passing rose from 870 to 954, but passengers were reduced from 1,432 to 1,040. Gains were registered in barley, corn, oats, wheat, flour, petroleum and other cils, sugar and paper. The wheat movement rose from 191,672 to 619,216 tons, corn from 518 to 48,706 tons, oats from 2,249 to 48,213 tons and petroleum from 146,127 to 171,441 tons. Paper was up 9,106 tons at 30,052. Declines were shown in rye, gasoline, pulpwood, woodpulp, soft coal down from 744,498 to 362,474 tons, coke, iron ore off from 257,880 to 119,905 tons, and in sand. Passengers numbered 1,040 against 1,432 one year earlier. The Noronic disaster at Toronto on September 17th likely contributed to the reduction, as this vessel was scheduled to use the canal.

St. Lawrence Canals: Total freight through the system totalled 1,142,448 tons during September, an advance of 4,449 tons over the preceding year. Corn increased nearly 41,000 tons, and cats aggregated 51,995 tons against none in September, 1948. Wheat rose from 86,071 to 373,362 tons, while flour, gasoline, sugar, autos, paper, sand and other freight improved in volume. Decreases were mainly in rye, barley, petroleum and other cils, down from 125,452 to 48,990 tons, pulpwood, woodpulp, hard coal and soft coal, which dropped some 323,900 tons to 145,529 tons due to labor trouble in the United States. Weather conditions during the month were not conducive to passenger traffic, passengers numbering 1,167 compared with 2,022 in the previous September.



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Scult_Ste. Marie Canals:			- z - 1	949	1948		
			Canadian	: Canadian &		Canadian &	
EAST BOUND		-	Lock	: U.S. Locks		U.S. Lecks	
Lumber	Tens			***	-		
Pulpwood	ff		6,820	41,120	23,722	105,636	
Flour	T.		9,123	9,123	12,265	12,265	
Wheat	19		26,192	1,304,561	17,315	765,124	
Other Grains	11		66;799	319,520	62,374	281,986	
Copper and Zinc	11		-	-	-	-	
Iron Ore	11		all,	9,945,328	-0	11,238,833	
Scrap Iron	11			7,383	4	11,779	
Structural Steel	11		-	18,081	~	5,990	
Stone	11		5,800	5,800	7,820	8,022	
Other Freight	11		26,781	30,008	22,847	22,847	
Total	88		141,515	11,680,924	146,343	12,452,482	
Passengers	Number		3,397	5,412	8,235	9,189	
WEST BOUND							
Coal, soft	Tens		18,950	969,299	27,650	2,566,232	
Coal, hard	11		2,899	16,493	4,740	50,804	
Ccke	11		4,323	4,323	_	-	
Iron Ore	61		-	6,048	_	8,400	
Structural Steel	11		344	4,004	92	3,912	
Salt	tt		216	5,001	209	209	
Oil and Gasoline	tt		9,174	130,522	34,349	137,160	
Stone	11		- 070	120,211	- 055	172,951	
Other Freight			40.932	67,666	53,877	78,228	
Total	11		70,838	1,323,567	109,917	3,017,896	
Passengers	Number		946	4,533	2,021	8,308	
Total Freight	Tens		218,353	13,004,491	256,260	15,470,378	
Total Passengers	Number		4,343	9,945	10,256	17,497	
Number of Vessels			373	2,847	526	3,133	
Registered Tonnage	Net		444,976	10,703,124	555,791	10,994,061	
Welland Ship Canal:			Septem	ber, 1949	September, 1948		
Vessels		Ne.	954		870		
Registered Tonnage		Tons	1	,598,734	1,644,158		
Passengers		No.		1,040	1,432		
Barley		Tens		51,061	39,646		
Corn		11		48,706	518		
Oats		11		48,213	2,249		
	Rye			572	13,863		
	Wheat			619,216	191,672		
Flour		11		837	610		
Gasoline		11		78,071	111,576		
Petroleum and other Oils		11		171,441	146,127 3,894		
Sugar		11		4,472 93,211	107,948		
Pulpwood Autos and Parts		- 11		416	423		
Paper		11		30,052	20,946		
Wood Pulp		11		2,000	4,566		
Soft Coal		Н		362,474	744,498		
Coke		t†		1,323	9,208		
Iron Ore		11		119,905	257,880		
Sand		- 11		41,321	42,154		
All other freight		Н		129,866	140,851		
Total Freight		11	1	,814,735	1,838,629		



St. Lawrence Canals	5		- 5		r. 1949	September	1948	
Vessels					1,166		1,165	
Registered To	No To	ns	946,947		956,778			
Passengers	No		1,167		2,022			
Barley		ns	23,169		30,299			
Corn	11		46,872		5,903			
Oats	11		51,995		100			
Aye	11		675		12,877			
Wheat	11		373	373,362		86,071		
Flour Gascline	11		111	910				
			111,354 48,990		89,890			
Petroleum and other Oils "Sugar"						125,452 3,683		
Pulpwood	ft		4,513 80,178		113,634			
Autos and Parts		11		906		276		
Paper		11		15,884		7,141		
Wood Pulp			ft		3,100		4,566	
Hard Coal		11		5,378		7,260		
Soft Coal			11		,529	469,390		
Sand		tf	11		34,286		31,875	
All other fre	eight	u		195	5,347	149,682		
Total Freight		ET		1,142	1,142,448		1,137,999	
		Ottawa hiver Canal		Aideau Canal		Richeliau River Canal		
		1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	
Vessels	Nc.	147	143	10	17	100	90	
Registered Tonnage	Tons	40,686	37,986	492	680	15,852	14,455	
Passengers	Nc.	-	-	(1) 11	41		atma .	
Total Freight	Tons	35,385	32,453	245	312	13,179	11,984	
Pleasure Craft		603	794	2,535	2,971	-		
		Tr	ent	Murray		St. Peter's		
		Concl		Canal		Canal		
Vessels	No.	2	98	3	8	98	137	
Registered Tonnage	Tens	24	8,938	1,713	4;568	2,381	4,500	
Passengers	Nc.	L. D.	_	~	_	14	8	
Total Freight	Tons	10	7,395	And A	-	1,011	1,813	
Pleasure Craft		-	2,220	462	129	4	-	
		St	. Andrew!	s Canal	nal All		Canadian Canals	
		1949		1248	10	49	1948	
Vessels	No.		103	143	743 9		,956 3,197	
Registered Tonnage	Tens	10,797		15,464				
Fassengers	No.	442		479			14,238	
Total Freight	Tens	1,569		3,566			3,290,411	
Pleasure Craft		112 0	58	57		,662	3,941	

<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusive of 1,479 passengers at Ottava.

