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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC
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The tonnage of all freight through Canadian canal systems during November totalled 3,279,726 tons to register a gain of 775,163 tons or 31 p.c. over that for November, 1949, and establish a new high for the month. There were 2,522 vessels-locked through during the period against 2,281 in 1949, and 2,321 in 1948. Commodities showing good gains in total over November 1949 volume included wheat, barley, pulpwood, soft coal, coke, iron ore, sand, autos and parts and petroleum.

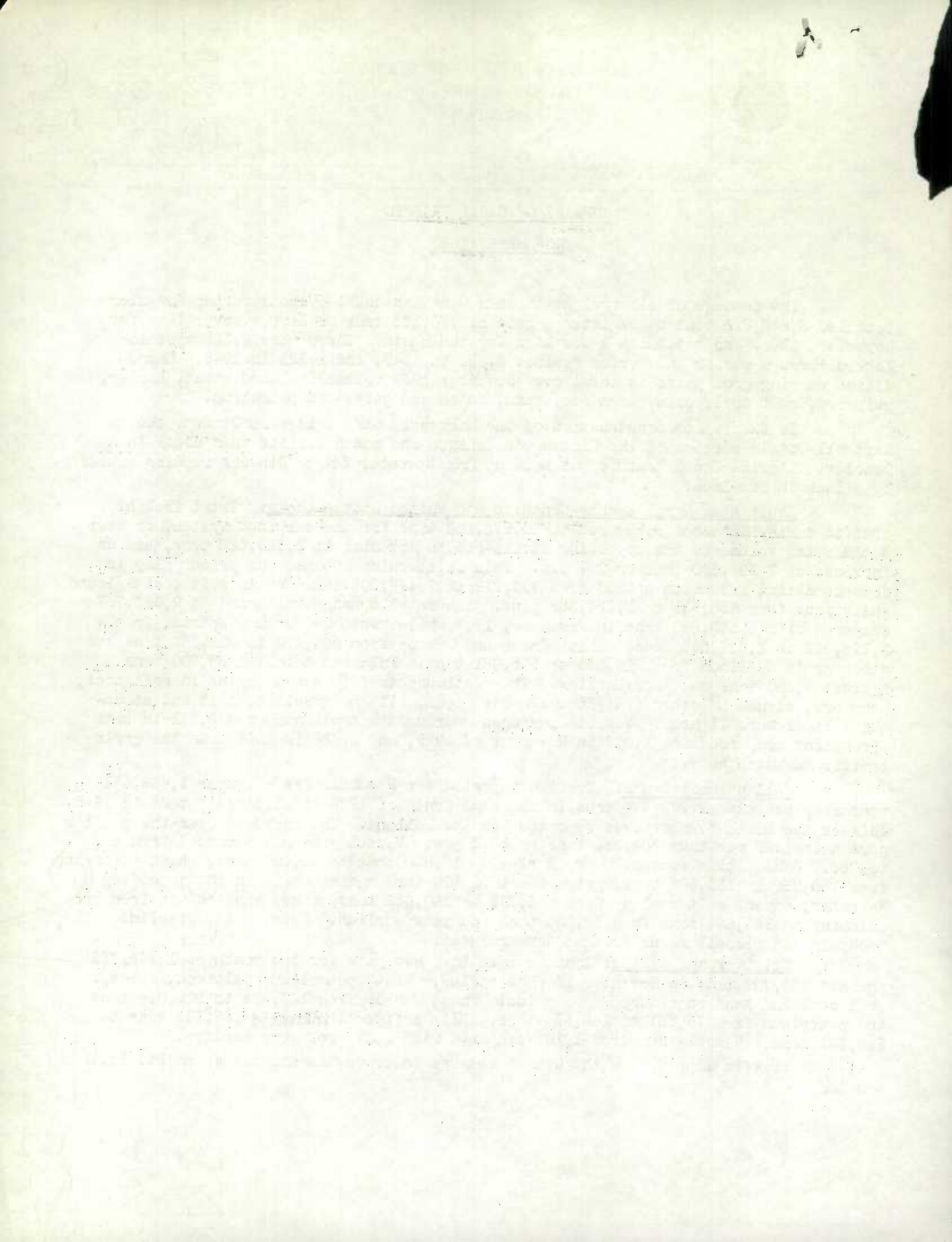
To facilitate construction of the Mackenzie King Bridge in Ottawa, the Hartwell-Ottawa section of the Rideau was drained one month earlier than usual in October. Lachine Canal traffic was held up from November 5th to 9th for repairs caused by a leak in one lock.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals-Canadian and United States Locks: Total freight traffic during November recovered to 10,873,102 tons for the combined system, or over 3 times the volume of the preceding strike-ridden November at 3,548,422 tons, and an increase of 7,327,680 tons or 207 p.c. This spectacular advance was principally in downbound iron ore which soared from 795,219 to 7,496,506 tons and in soft coal upbound which rose from 856,501 to 1,524,389 tons. The total tonnage eastbound at 9,037,757 compares with 2,369,860 tons in November, 1949 while westbound volume spurted from 1,178,562 to 1,836,345 tons. Wheat downbound was up from 894,470 to 916,352 tons but other grain declined from 597,033 to 503,861 tons. Pulpwood totalled 33,700 tons against 7,400 tons one year earlier. The westbound traffic showed gains in soft coal, iron ore, stone and other freight while hard coal, oil and gasoline, salt and structural steel were lighter. Vessel passages during the month numbered 2,241 in both directions compared with 1,007 in November of 1949, and 2,486 in 1948 when the grain traffic was much heavier.

Welland Ship Canal: Traffic reported for November was a bumper 1,666,431 tons compared with 1,279,347 tons in the same month of 1949 and 1,510,615 tons in 1948. This is the best November ever reported for the Welland. The increase over the similar period of 1949 was thus 387,084 tons or 30.3 p.c. Vessel passages advanced from 657 to 784. Commodities featured were barley up 17,850 tons to 53,426 tons, wheat advancing from 180,232 to 323,586 tons, pulpwood at 31,108 tons against none in the preceding November, paper, soft coal up from 243,795 to 560,652 tons, coke, sand and in iron ore climbing to 165,644 tons from 59,254 tons one year earlier. Corn, oats, gasoline, oils, woodpulp and miscellaneous freight were reduced.

St. Lawrence Canals: Tonnage rose to a new peak for the month of 1,245,732 against 924,708 tons in November 1949 as barley, wheat, petroleum, pulpwood, autos, soft coal and sand registered good gains. Wheat was up from 143,873 to 243,056 tons and petroleum from 79,881 to 165,634 tons, while soft coal increased 168,393 tons to 288,141 tons. Vessels numbered 1,169 compared with 1,074 one year earlier.

Traffic improved on the Ottawa but was lower on the Richelieu and St. Peter's Canals.



Sault Ste. Marie Canals:

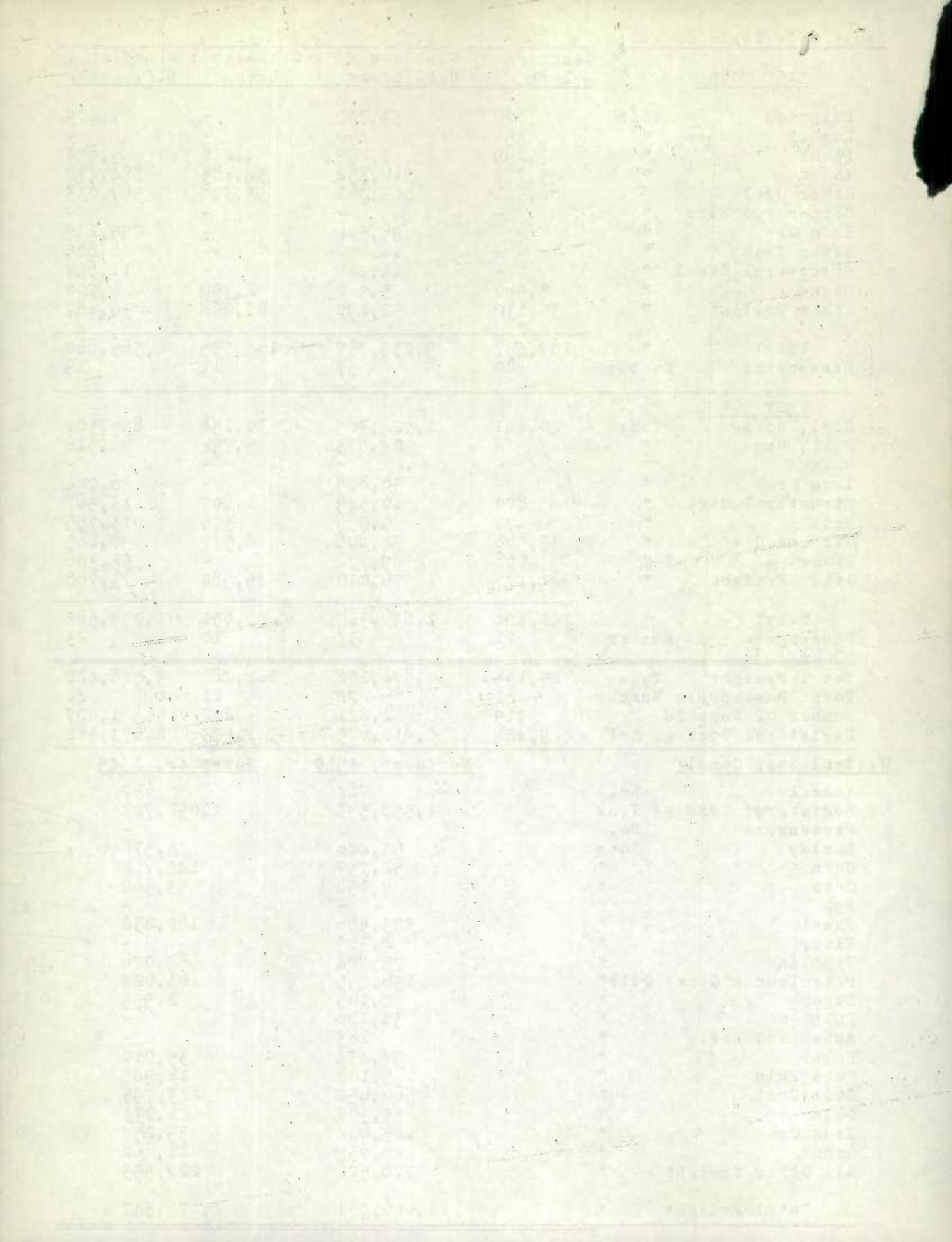
		1950		1949	
<u>EAST BOUND</u>		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
Pulpwood	Tons	7,000	33,700	-	7,400
Lumber	"	450	450	-	-
Flour	"	7,259	7,259	4,218	5,893
Wheat	"	43,777	916,352	36,283	894,470
Other Grain	"	88,381	503,861	95,328	597,033
Copper and Zinc	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	7,496,506	-	795,219
Scrap Iron	"	-	11,950	-	18,805
Structural Steel	"	-	11,429	-	11,853
Stone	"	5,960	5,960	2,700	2,700
Other Freight	"	35,130	52,290	27,006	36,487
Total	"	187,957	9,039,757	165,535	2,369,860
Passengers	Number	20	37	11	19

<u>WEST BOUND</u>					
Coal, soft	Tons	40,801	1,524,389	30,158	856,501
Coal, hard	"	-	24,873	5,754	66,516
Coke	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	30,888	-	8,064
Structural Steel	"	870	10,549	1,807	13,967
Salt	"	176	5,056	375	13,755
Oil and Gasoline	"	33,966	74,808	8,577	90,665
Stone	"	4,208	89,772	-	55,306
Other Freight	"	61,177	76,010	49,980	73,788
Total	"	141,198	1,836,345	96,651	1,178,562
Passengers	Number	21	33	10	23

Total Freight	Tons	329,155	10,876,102	262,186	3,548,422
Total Passengers	Number	41	70	21	42
Number of Vessels		319	2,241	242	1,007
Registered Tonnage Net		449,421	8,910,675	347,573	2,674,562

Welland Ship Canal:

		November, 1950	November, 1949
Vessels	No.	784	657
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,558,593	1,092,702
Passengers	No.	2	-
Barley	Tons	53,426	35,576
Corn	"	52,757	149,722
Oats	"	9,158	53,362
Rye	"	-	-
Wheat	"	323,586	180,232
Flour	"	2,365	-
Gasoline	"	75,784	89,076
Petroleum & Other Oils	"	136,455	161,624
Sugar	"	4,103	2,959
Pulpwood	"	31,108	-
Autos and Parts	"	263	-
Paper	"	37,434	35,010
Wood Pulp	"	5,108	16,989
Soft Coal	"	560,652	243,795
Coke	"	5,307	2,733
Iron Ore	"	165,644	59,254
Sand	"	24,759	21,462
All Other freight	"	178,522	227,553
Total Freight	"	1,666,431	1,279,347



St. Lawrence Canals:		November, 1950		November, 1949	
Vessels	No.	1,169		1,074	
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,041,349		860,045	
Passengers	No.	-		-	
Berley	Tons	55,397		31,544	
Corn	"	36,366		110,907	
Oats	"	7,717		46,362	
Rye	"	-		-	
Wheat	"	243,056		143,873	
Flour	"	-		-	
Gasoline	"	108,286		105,563	
Petroleum & other Oils	"	165,634		79,881	
Suger	"	2,201		11,078	
Pulpwood	"	53,382		13,830	
Autos and Parts	"	1,148		177	
Paper	"	19,959		21,437	
Wood Pulp	"	6,308		12,854	
Hard Coal	"	2,017		711	
Soft Coal	"	288,141		99,748	
Sand	"	27,100		19,805	
All other freight	"	229,020		226,938	
Total Freight	"	1,245,732		924,708	

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Vessels	No.	110	105	4	16
Registered Tonnage	Tons	31,554	26,313	242	771
Passengers	No.	-	-	(1) 12	20
Total Freight	Tons	26,702	20,425	140	-
Pleasure craft		34	69	150	114

		Richelieu River Canal		Trent Canal	
Vessels	No.	87	115	1	28
Registered Tonnage	Tons	12,651	18,997	7	-
Passengers	No.	-	-	(x) -	-
Total Freight	Tons	10,349	16,502	6	9
Pleasure craft		-	-	20	26

		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
Vessels	No.	3	7	41	64
Registered Tonnage	Tons	265	2,049	1,848	5,187
Passengers	No.	-	-	10	-
Total Freight	Tons	225	-	920	1,386
Pleasure Craft		21	27	4	-

		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals	
Vessels	No.	4	-	2,522	2,281
Registered Tonnage	Tons	180	-	3,096,110	2,353,637
Passengers	No.	-	-	65	41
Total Freight	Tons	66	-	3,279,726	2,504,563
Pleasure craft		-	-	229	236

(1) Exclusive of 283 passengers on pleasure craft
(x) 62 passengers carried in small boats
One passenger through one lock recorded as "1"

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