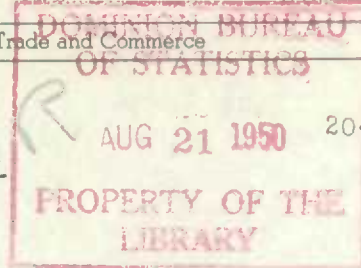




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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

JUNE, 1950

Canadian canals reported a record 3,780,686 tons of freight passing through during the month of June, an increase of 14.4 p.c. or 473,057 tons over the traffic in the corresponding month last year. This is a new high for June exceeding by far the previous maximum of 3,312,520 tons shown for that month in 1948. Gains over last year were heaviest on the St. Lawrence Welland and Richelieu systems while the Sault was down from June, 1949. Corn, wheat, petroleum, pulpwood and miscellaneous freight were moved in considerably heavier volume during the month under review. Increased traffic on the canals corresponds with advances in the tonnage of railway freight carried over that in June, 1949 as well as the widespread higher level of industrial activity in Canada.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks: - The tonnage of freight locked through both systems during June amounted to 15,594,948 tons compared with 15,798,085 tons in the same month last year, off 1.3 p.c. The wheat movement more than doubled rising from 455,087 to 958,190 tons. East bound volume eased 249,218 tons to 13,445,645 tons due mainly to a drop of some 682,700 tons in iron ore shipments at 12,060,291 tons for the current June. Steel, stone and other freight advanced. West bound freight was 46,100 heavier at 2,149,301 tons as soft coal, steel, salt and stone gained over June, 1949 but oil and gasoline, hard coal, and other freight declined. Total passenger traffic was down sharply from 10,845 to 5,954. Vessel Passages numbered 3,013 against 3,214 one year earlier with most of the drop on the Canadian side.

Welland Ship Canal: - Freight traffic for the month totalled 2,014,313, a gain of 120,893 tons or 6.4 p.c. over the preceding June with 998 vessels passing against 972 one year earlier. Passengers rose from 1,934 to 3,218. Commodities moving in greater volume included corn up from 8,516 to 79,310 tons, oats, wheat up from 264,606 to 470,892 tons, flour, gasoline, sugar, pulpwood recovering from 78,666 to 89,891 tons, paper and woodpulp at 7,800 tons against only 594 tons. Reduced shipments were shown for barley, rye, oil, soft coal, coke, iron ore and miscellaneous freight.

St. Lawrence Canals: - Freight moving through the St. Lawrence system during June at 1,458,422 tons was up sharply over the volume passing in the same period last year, the increase being 426,234 tons or 42 p.c. Vessel passages rose from 1,185 to 1,456 but no passenger traffic was shown due to the cessation of Canada Steamship's Rapids service. Corn, oats, wheat, flour, gasoline, petroleum, sugar, pulpwood, autos, woodpulp, hard and soft coal, sand and other freight recorded good increases over June, 1949. Wheat rose from 187,223 to 342,062 tons and oils from 81,169 to 155,650 tons while pulpwood nearly doubled at 109,166 tons. Ore shipments were appreciably heavier this June.

Traffic on the Richelieu was up from 10,804 to 19,411 tons while the other smaller systems showed declines. The St. Andrew's on the Red 15 miles north of Winnipeg was not open yet for traffic due to the aftermath of the May floods.



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Sault Ste. Marie Canals

1950

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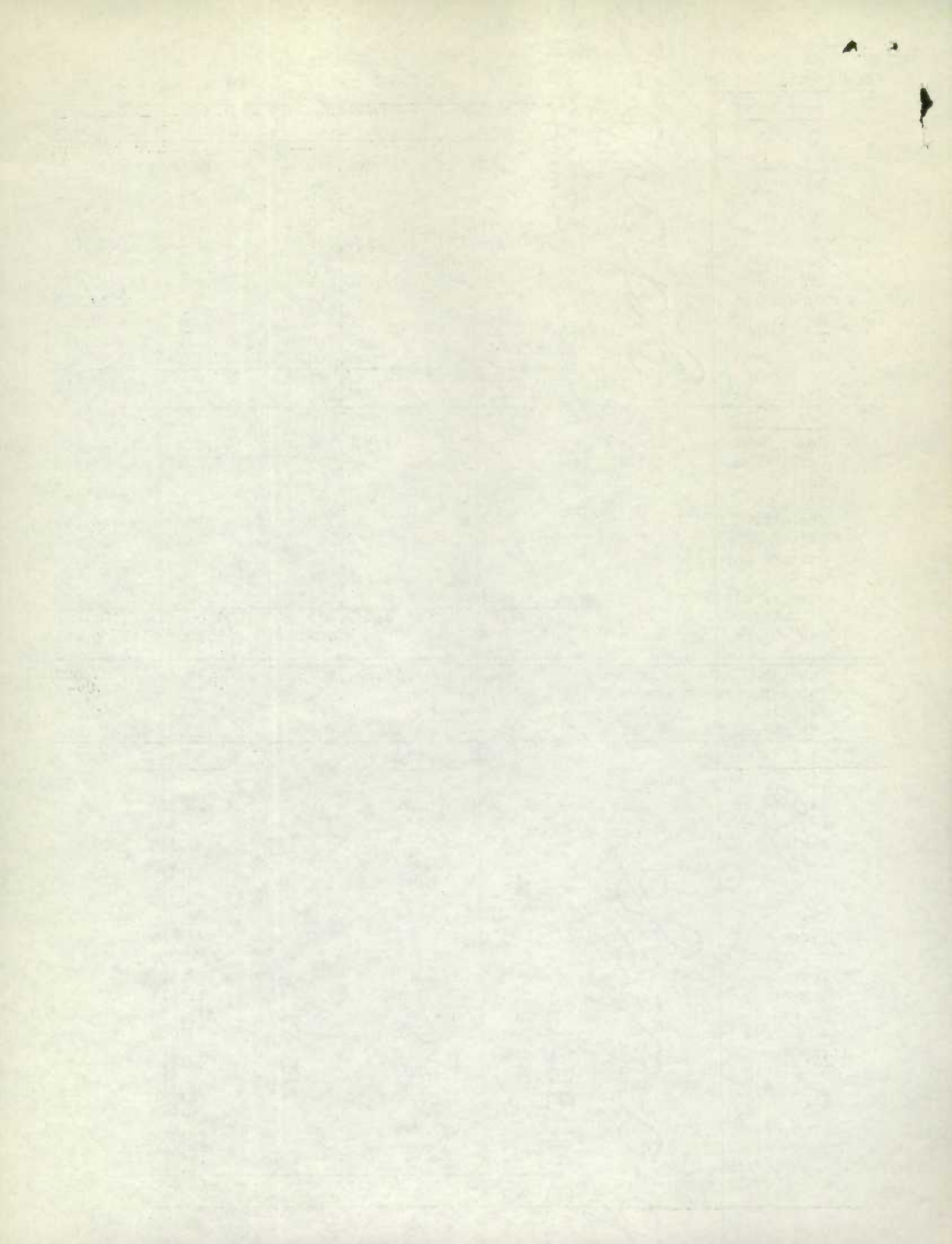
<u>EAST BOUND</u>		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
Pulpwood	Tons	26,270	104,380	18,290	108,550
Lumber	"	-	-	-	-
Flour	"	3,991	5,259	12,312	12,312
Wheat	"	55,391	958,190	59,354	455,067
Other Grain	"	42,921	230,309	99,161	512,082
Copper and Zinc	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	12,060,291	2,961	12,743,030
Scrap Iron	"	-	12,269	-	19,359
Structural Steel	"	2,271	28,831	-	10,832
Stone	"	3,020	3,020	5,120	5,120
Other Freight	"	31,859	37,766	26,698	28,472
Total	"	180,753	13,445,545	223,908	13,604,864
Passengers	Number	2,181	2,894	2,975	3,392
<u>WEST BOUND</u>					
Coal, soft	Tons	3,377	1,602,339	30,568	1,554,609
Coal, hard	"	-	35,228	4,224	36,795
Coke	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	34,002	-	31,976
Structural Steel	"	1,006	13,989	769	6,399
Salt	"	100	3,272	250	250
Oil and Gasoline	"	11,058	111,794	13,693	167,766
Stone	"	900	268,387	-	224,320
Other Freight	"	43,282	76,590	47,552	79,036
Total	"	65,223	2,149,301	97,056	2,103,201
Passengers	Number	937	3,060	1,190	3,451
Total Freight	Tons	245,956	15,594,946	320,962	15,798,065
Total Passengers	Number	3,118	5,954	4,165	10,843
Vessels	"	383	3,013	517	3,214
Registered Tonnage Net		455,357	11,771,776	645,829	12,017,261

Welland Ship Canal

June 1950

June 1949

Vessels	No.	998	972
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,764,392	1,723,698
Passenger	No.	5,218	1,934
Barley	Tons	23,675	34,130
Corn	"	79,310	3,316
Oats	"	7,545	6,239
Rye	"	-	20,485
Wheat	"	470,892	264,606
Flour	"	1,783	620
Gasoline	"	88,729	85,708
Petroleum & Other Oils	- Tons	143,152	187,332
Sugar	Tons	15,195	11,811
Pulpwood	"	89,891	78,666
Autos and Parts	"	573	641
Paper	"	37,113	23,152
Wood Pulp	"	7,800	594
Soft Coal	"	537,304	683,560
Coke	"	3,948	8,079
Iron Ore	"	189,998	242,381
Sand	"	28,348	28,600
All other Freight	"	183,306	201,400
Total Freight	"	2,014,313	1,393,420



St. Lawrence Canals:

June, 1950

June, 1949

Vessels	No	1,456	1,185
Registered Tonnage	Tons,	1,172,281	906,104
Passengers	No.	-	1,976
Barley	Tons	10,952	22,783
Corn	"	40,200	8,433
Oats	"	5,397	1,275
Rye	"	-	15,209
Wheat	"	342,062	187,223
Flour	"	1,703	620
Gasoline	"	140,573	130,076
Petroleum & other Oils	"	155,350	81,169
Sugar	"	19,282	9,919
Pulpwood	"	109,166	59,372
Autos & Parts	"	1,315	577
Paper	"	18,931	17,518
Wood Pulp	"	9,120	944
Hard Coal	"	6,855	4,045
Soft Coal	"	299,797	270,434
Sand	"	49,870	48,620
All other freight	"	229,549	153,341
Total Freight	"	1,438,432	1,012,138

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal		Richelieu River Canal	
		1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Vessels	No.	183	190	9	39	108	65
Registered Tonnage	Tons	48,322	62,707	489	1,875	17,415	11,170
Passengers	No.	-	8	1/ 2/ 24	42	-	-
Total Freight	Tons	41,511	46,272	178	202	19,411	10,804
Pleasure Craft		300	522	1,744	2,234	-	-
		Trent Canal		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
Vessels	No.	6	98	5	11	82	85
Registered Tonnage	Tons	152	-	2,355	6,281	3,981	4,202
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	2	42
Total Freight	Tons	31	50	-	-	844	1,026
Pleasure Craft		2	1,258	70	123	4	7
		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals			
		1950	1949	1950	1949		
Vessels	No.	-	113	3,210	5,179		
Registered Tonnage	Tons	-	16,245	3,435,254	3,368,135		
Passengers	No.	-	327	6,362	8,286		
Total Freight	Tons	-	3,724	3,750,666	3,287,609		
Pleasure Craft		-	47	2,120	4,351		

1/ Exclusive of 2281 passengers on Sight Seeing Pleasure Cruise Boats
 2/ Exclusive of 5,750 passengers on Pleasure Crafts

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