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SUMMARY OF CANAL TRAFFIC

JULY, 1950

The tonnage of freight passing through the Canadian canal systems during July attained a new record of 3,628,783 tons for the month, an advance of 573,822 tons or 18.8 p.c. above the 3,054,961 tons for July last year and compares with 3,163,521 tons in July, 1948, and the previous high of 3,436,263 tons in 1943. This new maximum for July was scored with 3,796 vessel passages as against 3,220 locked through one year earlier. Passenger traffic was down from 23,356 to 21,862 largely as a result of the cessation of the historic Rapids service on the St. Lawrence this season. Soft coal, corn, and petroleum in heavier volume sparked the advance in tonnage using the canals.

Sault Ste. Marie Canals - Canadian and United States Locks: Total tonnage locked through the combined systems during July was 16,196,586 tons, up 611,265 tons or nearly 4 p.c. over the previous July. Wheat declined from 628,782 to 379,601 tons eastbound, but steel, stone and other freight improved. Iron ore shipments were fairly well maintained at 13,049,319 tons downbound, as against 13,128,230 tons one year earlier. Soft coal westbound more than doubled from 840,981 to 1,763,091 tons. Oil and gasoline shipments were lighter but this traffic should bulk large next season when the western pipeline reaches Superior. Traffic through the Canadian Lock during July was 284,054 tons compared with 379,933 tons in the same period of 1949.

Welland Ship Canal:- The Welland lockmasters reported 1,850,703 tons of freight passing during July, a gain of 197,109 tons or nearly 12 p.c. above that one year previously. Corn advanced spectacularly from 16,287 to 121,453 tons, wheat rose from 328,128 to 336,954 tons, oats doubled to 13,467 tons, while flour, petroleum, sugar, paper, woodpulp, sand and other freight improved. Soft coal jumped from 318,838 to 569,407 tons but iron ore was down sharply from 342,044 to 173,637 tons, and no rye moved as against 24,378 tons one year earlier.

St. Lawrence Canals: Greatly augmented traffic was reported during July this season with 1,428,693 tons of freight passing as against 955,246 tons in July, 1949, an increase of 49.6 p.c. Vessels numbered 1,475 compared with 1,120. Passengers dropped from 5,016 to 23 without the C.S.L. Rapids service. Large advances were shown in the movement of corn, up from 8,915 to 85,176 tons, oats up from 1,216 to 10,817 tons, wheat at 347,514 against 207,901 tons, petroleum 70,460 tons heavier at 163,413 tons, pulpwood, paper, woodpulp, hard coal and in soft coal which jumped from 155,749 to 258,965 tons. Gasoline, autos, sand and other freight also increased over the preceding July volume.

The smaller canals showed minor changes with the Ottawa tonnage up from 42,262 to 42,519 tons. The St. Andrew's opened on July 26th after considerable delay due to the disastrous spring floods on the Red.



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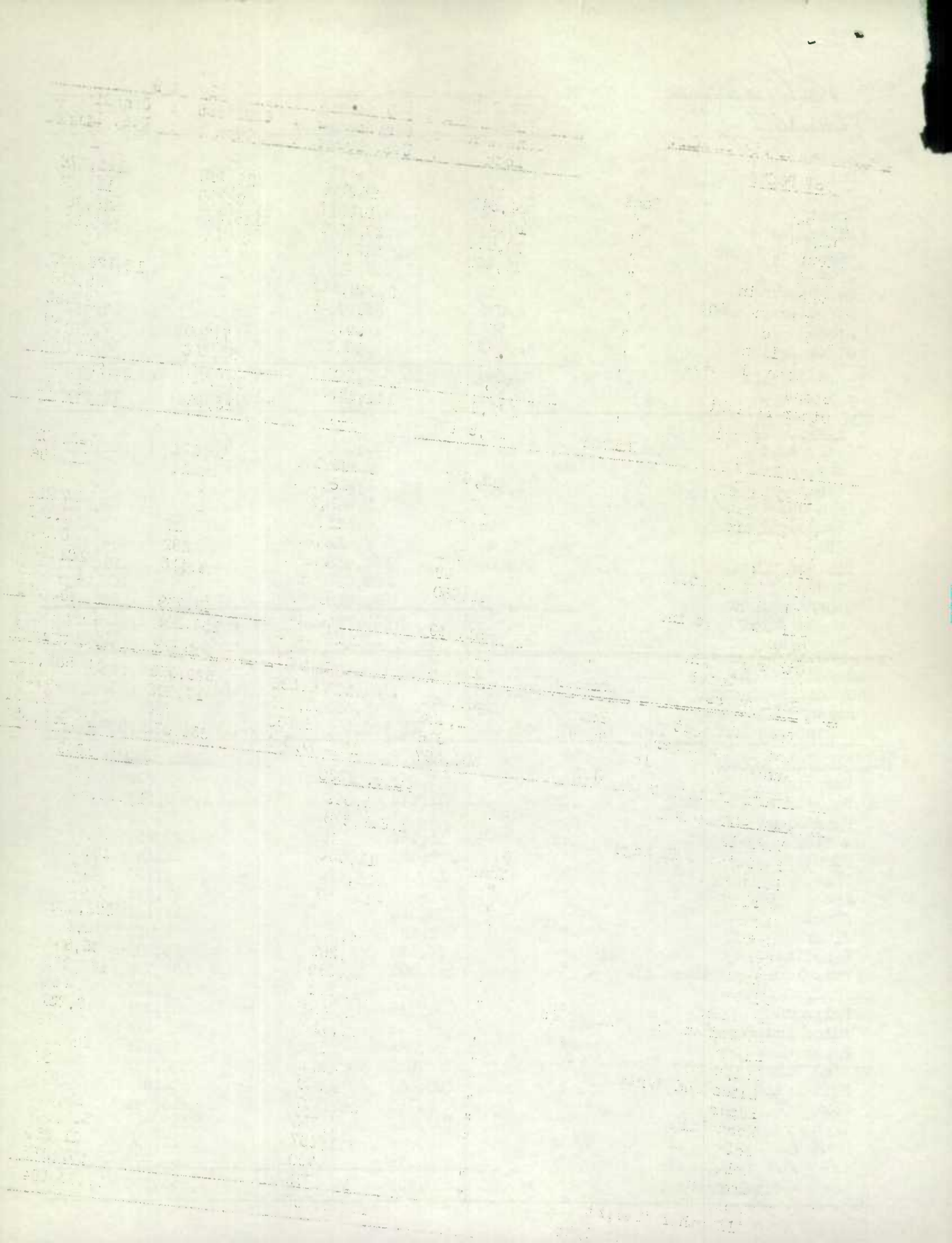
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Sault Ste. Marie Canal:

		1 9 5 0		1 9 4 9	
<u>EAST BOUND</u>		Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks	Canadian Lock	Canadian & U.S. Locks
Lumber	Tons	-	-	-	-
Pulpwood	"	24,346	94,748	24,782	111,676
Flour	"	10,977	10,977	9,956	11,404
Wheat	"	39,054	372,601	115,859	628,782
Other Grain	"	59,500	210,572	84,247	293,567
Copper and Zinc	"	-	-	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	13,049,319	-	13,128,230
Scrap Iron	"	-	19,108	-	25,631
Structural Steel	"	2,870	35,671	-	18,482
Stone	"	7,560	17,604	7,640	7,640
Other Freight	"	28,333	43,043	32,266	33,411
Total	"	172,640	13,860,643	274,750	14,258,823
Passengers	Number	10,841	11,408	13,886	18,774
<u>WEST BOUND</u>					
Coal, soft	Tons	12,646	1,763,091	44,836	840,981
Coal, hard	"	-	28,653	2,914	11,186
Coke	"	1,920	1,920	-	-
Iron Ore	"	-	48,995	-	53,260
Structural Steel	"	900	14,575	27	7,321
Salt	"	49	7,602	252	6,944
Oil and Gasoline	"	44,660	156,835	8,415	181,762
Stone	"	-	229,662	-	146,423
Other Freight	"	51,239	86,610	48,739	78,621
Total	"	111,414	2,335,943	105,183	1,326,498
Passengers	Number	10,585	11,127	3,406	19,363
Total Freight	Tons	284,054	16,196,586	379,933	15,585,321
Total Passengers	Number	21,426	22,535	17,292	38,157
Number of Vessels		836	3,393	766	3,834
Registered Tonnage	Net	504,457	12,140,381	654,672	12,599,854

Welland Ship Canal

		July, 1950	July, 1949
Vessels	No.	1,049	905
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,641,678	1,458,548
Passenger	No.	25	9
Barley	Tons	11,632	20,939
Corn	"	121,453	16,287
Oats	"	13,467	6,720
Rye	"	-	24,376
Wheat	"	336,954	328,128
Flour	"	6,299	2,980
Gasoline	"	65,578	95,890
Petroleum and other Oils	"	191,091	166,779
Sugar	"	6,746	4,653
Pulpwood	"	31,719	38,231
Autos and Parts	"	344	576
Paper	"	35,222	32,945
Wood Pulp	"	4,830	2,533
Soft Coal	"	569,407	318,838
Coke	"	3,758	13,046
Iron Ore	"	173,637	342,044
Sand	"	45,790	21,350
All other freight	"	174,776	157,277
Total Freight	"	1,850,703	1,653,594



St. Lawrence Canals:

July, 1950

July, 1949

Vessels	No.	1,475	1,120
Registered Tonnage	Tons	1,182,930	838,371
Passengers	No.	23	5,016
Barley	Tons	7,110	8,811
Corn	"	85,176	8,915
Oats	"	10,817	1,216
Rye	"	-	26,106
Wheat	"	347,514	207,901
Flour	"	4,554	2,980
Gasoline	"	145,967	123,884
Petroleum and other Oils	"	163,413	92,953
Sugar	"	3,991	4,539
Pulpwood	"	120,452	73,210
Autos and Parts	"	1,005	866
Paper	"	21,937	16,777
Wood Pulp	"	5,106	2,533
Hard Coal	"	16,365	7,712
Soft Coal	"	258,965	155,749
Sand	"	48,492	41,070
All other Freight	"	187,829	180,024
Total Freight	"	1,428,893	955,246

		Ottawa River Canal		Rideau Canal		Richelieu River Canal	
		1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Vessels	No.	156	149	33	46	106	135
Registered Tonnage	Tons	42,331	47,445	796	1,594	16,053	17,336
Passengers	No.	-	-	1/ 2/153	221	4	24
Total Freight	Tons	42,519	42,262	95	265	17,587	18,075
Pleasure Craft		1,047	1,438	6,258	6,429	-	-
		Trent Canal		Murray Canal		St. Peter's Canal	
Vessels	No.	18	341	12	6	86	91
Registered Tonnage	Tons	249	-	6,997	2,937	3,521	4,544
Passengers	No.	-	-	-	-	33	33
Total Freight	Tons	247	-	2,744	-	848	991
Pleasure Craft		4	7,084	346	-	5	4
		St. Andrew's Canal		All Canadian Canals			
		1950	1949	1950	1949		
Vessels	No.	25	104	3,799	3,220		
Registered Tonnage	Tons	3,511	16,280	3,408,573	3,035,053		
Passengers	No.	198	889	21,862	23,356		
Total Freight	Tons	1,293	4,500	3,629,793	3,054,961		
Pleasure Craft		24	110	7,304	15,119		

(1) Exclusive of 4,756 passengers on sightseeing pleasure cruise boats.

(2) Exclusive of 17,731 passengers on pleasure crafts.

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