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obtained with the Hudson River, and thence to New York, to which place from the boundary line is a distance of 330 miles.

307. The Burlington Bay Canal, half a mile in length, connects Burlington Bay and Lake Ontario, giving access to the port of Hamilton. There are no locks on this canal.

308. St. Peter's Canal, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, gives access from the Atlantic to the Bras d'Or Lakes. It is 2,400 feet long, and has one tidal lock. The rise and fall of the tide is 4 feet.

309. The Trent River system is only efficient for local use. The scheme of making use of these waters to effect a system of through water communication between Lakes Huron and Ontario has been in contemplation for many years, but up to the present time only certain sections have been made navigable, or fit for the passage of timber. The total distance between the lakes is 235 miles, and about 155 miles of this are available for light draft vessels.

310. The Murray Canal is now being built through the Isthmus of Murray, giving connection westward between the Bay of Quinté and Lake Ontario. It will be a little over four miles in length, and will have no locks.

311. The total amount spent on canals by the Imperial Government previous to Confederation was \$4,173,921, and by the Provincial Governments, \$16,028,840. At the time of Confederation all the systems became the property of the Dominion Government, which has expended the further sum of \$27,998,539, making a total amount spent for construction and enlargement alone of \$48,201,300, the amount expended for repairs not being included in these figures.

312. The total revenue from all sources from the various systems amounted, in 1884, to \$371,561, and in 1885 to \$321,289, showing a decrease of \$50,272.

313. The following is a comparative statement of the traffic through the various canals, and the revenue derived therefrom, for the last five years, from 1st July, 1880, to 30th June, 1885. The plus and minus marks in the Increase or Decrease columns, in both of the following tables, apply also to the figures in the rate per cent. columns.