

The following statement gives the amount expended on canal works and maintenance to 30th June, 1896 :—

Lachine Canal.	\$ 10,125,972
Beauharnois.	1,611,690
Soulanges Canal (under construction)	2,275,909
Williamsburg Canal (being enlarged).	4,228,420
Cornwall Canal.	5,953,663
St. Lawrence River Canals, surveys, &c.	1,147,133
Murray Canal.	1,247,470
Welland Canal.	23,769,353
Sault Ste. Marie Canal.	3,448,012
Ste. Anne's Canal	1,170,216
Carillon and Grenville Canal.	4,029,789
Culbute Canal.	379,494
Rideau Canal (including Perth Branch)	4,560,286
Trent Canal.	1,538,780
St. Ours Lock.	121,538
Chambly Canal.	637,207
St. Peter's Canal	648,755
Lake St. Louis.	54,662
Baie Verte Canal Survey.	44,387
Total.	\$ 66,992,736

In addition to the above there have been expended from income :—

Renewals	\$ 2,352,293
Repairs.	5,103,787
Staff and maintenance.	6,476,706
Making the total expenditure	\$ 80,925,522

Of this amount the sum of \$20,692,244 was expended before Confederation, \$4,173,921 by the Imperial Government and \$16,518,323 by the Provincial Government interested. The total amount spent for construction and enlargement alone is \$69,300,640, including in this sum the cost of the surveys of the Baie Verte Canal, and at one time considered a feasible plan for uniting the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The total cost of the construction of the Welland Canal to 30th June, 1896, was \$24,148,787. Of this amount \$222,220 was contributed by the Imperial Government, and \$7,416,020 by the Provincial Government prior to Confederation, leaving \$16,510,547 as the expenditure since Confederation. Of this last amount \$379,433 represents renewals chargeable to income.

The sum of \$2,264,888 has been paid out for staff, and \$2,025,595 for repairs. During the same period the receipts have been \$6,169,162. The expenditures for staff, maintenance, repairs and renewals was \$4,669,916, leaving \$1,499,246 to represent the surplus to meet interest.

The total revenue from canals since Confederation is \$10,917,797, being an average of \$376,476 a year.

The following table is a statement of the number, tonnage and nationality of vessels that passed through the several canals during the season of navigation in each of the years 1884 to 1895, inclusive, and of the number of passengers and tons of freight carried and tolls received :—