

The following statement gives the amount expended on canal works and maintenance (chargeable to capital) to 30th June, 1897:—

Lachine Canal	\$ 10,408,025
Beauharnois	1,611,690
Soulanges Canal (under construction).....	2,639,034
Williamsburg Canal.....	4,696,694
Cornwall Canal.....	6,392,150
St. Lawrence River Canals, surveys, &c.....	1,159,480
Murray Canal	1,247,470
Welland Canal	23,771,636
Sault Ste. Marie Canal.....	3,657,574
Ste. Anne's Canal	1,170,216
Carillon and Grenville Canal.....	4,031,697
Culbute Canal	379,494
Rideau Canal (including Perth Branch).....	4,571,172
Trent Canal.....	2,025,356
St. Ours Lock	121,538
Chambly Canal	637,207
St. Peter's Canal.....	618,756
Lake St. Louis.....	127,963
Total.....	\$ 69,297,152

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

Renewals.....	\$ 2,453,498
Repairs	5,282,173
Staff and maintenance	6,764,673
Making the total expenditure.....	\$ 83,797,496

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 \$71,705,483, 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, 1897, was \$24,173,352. Of this amount \$222,220 was contributed by the Imperial Government, and \$7,416,020 by the Provincial Government prior to Confederation, leaving \$16,535,112 as the expenditure since Confederation. Of this last amount \$401,716 represents renewals chargeable to income.

The sum of \$2,352,983 has been paid out for staff, and \$2,066,842 for repairs. During the same period the receipts have been \$6,360,373. The expenditures for staff, maintenance, repairs and renewals was \$4,821,541, leaving \$1,538,832 to represent the surplus to meet interest.

The total revenue from canals since Confederation is \$11,302,527, being an average of \$376,752 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 1885 to 1896, inclusive, and of the number of passengers and tons of freight carried and tolls received:—