

CANALS.

as against 52,053,913 tons in 1913, which is a decrease of 15,030,676 tons. This unprecedented falling off in traffic during the year 1914 occurred almost wholly at Sault Ste. Marie. Of the total decrease of 15,030,676 tons, 1,748,669 tons were in Canadian and 13,282,007 tons in American water-borne commerce. The decline in American traffic was very largely in the movement of iron ore from the head of Lake Superior to the ports on Lake Erie. The above figures represent, however, gross traffic, and necessarily include duplication, and to some extent triplication. The net tonnage, as made up by an analysis of the returns, was approximately 29,786,186, of which 5,521,228 tons were Canadian and 24,264,958 tons American. The total net tonnage in 1913 was 44,901,804. Table 33, giving the distribution of the gross tonnage of 37,023,237 as between the different Canadian canal systems, with the increase or decrease compared with 1913, shows that by far the largest traffic, amounting to 27,599,184 tons, or 74 p.c. of the total, went through the Canadian Sault Ste. Marie Canal. Out of this volume, 13,270,885 tons, or 48 p.c., consisted of mine products. Canadian canals were made free of toll as from April 27, 1903.

Expenditure and Revenue for Canals.—In Table 38 is given the annual expenditure and revenue for canals from the beginning up to the year 1914. The column of expenditure chargeable to capital includes all the items for canals specified, and also certain items which apply to the canals as a whole; but the other columns do not include certain sums which are mostly common to all the canals, as, for instance, in 1914, \$37,887 chargeable to income, \$102,376 for staff, and \$45,353 for repairs. If these items be added, the total expenditure on the Dominion canals for the year ended March 31, 1914, was \$4,583,559, comprising \$2,829,661 charged to capital, \$389,285 charged to income, \$745,221 for staff and \$619,392 for repairs. The total capital expenditure on the canals up to March 31, 1914, was \$106,981,781, which, as shown in Table 39, includes a sum of \$34,967 chargeable to all as apart from any particular canals.

31.—Canal Traffic during the Navigation Season 1914.

Canals.	From Canadian to Canadian Ports.		From Canadian to United States Ports.		From United States to United States Ports.	
	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Sault Ste. Marie.....	379,703	2,490,510	10,174	582,175	1,153,050	21,438,985
Welland.....	225,532	1,769,052	278,955	450	338,455	170,624
St. Lawrence.....	571,331	1,725,196	413,149	91	58	424
Chambly.....	4,335	8,492	295,258	—	—	—
St. Peter's.....	21,793	32,387	—	—	—	—
Murray.....	76,021	2,938	1,490	—	—	—
Ottawa.....	57,330	238,317	—	35,559	—	—
Rideau.....	80,867	62,009	230	—	—	—
Trent.....	15,531	52,009	—	—	—	—
St. Andrews.....	41,681	332	—	—	—	—
Total.....	1,474,124	6,381,242	999,256	618,275	1,491,563	21,610,033