

2.—Canal Traffic.

Tables 41 to 46 deal with the traffic passing through Canadian canals in recent years up to and including 1927. In this latest year the total traffic of 17,488,311 tons was the highest figure for any year since 1918, being an increase of 4,010,648 tons over the total for 1926 (Table 41).

The longer navigation season in 1927 and the heavier traffic almost throughout that year are shown by the monthly figures of Table 42; Table 43, showing the products which constitute the freight traffic through the canals, illustrates the preponderance of agricultural products in the total. In the year 1927, six commodities (Table 44), barley, rye, wheat, pulpwood, soft coal and sand, each provided over 1,000,000 tons of freight and together accounted for 78 p.c. of the whole traffic. The increase over the previous year was chiefly due to increased tonnage of wheat, barley, rye, sand and general merchandise, while large decreases occurred in the quantity of oats and soft coal handled.

While traffic through the Canadian Sault Ste. Marie canal in recent years has fallen off greatly as compared with the period from 1900 to 1918, owing to larger locks having been built on the United States side at that point, traffic through the Welland and St. Lawrence canals has been increasing in recent years and is now much greater than in the pre-war period. Of the traffic increase of 4,010,648 tons in 1927 over 1926, the Welland canal accounted for 2,032,945 tons and the St. Lawrence canals for 1,789,251 tons (Tables 45 and 46).

41.—Total Traffic through Canadian Canals during the Navigation Seasons, 1900-1927, by Nationality of Vessel and Origin of Freight.

NOTE.—For Canadian canal traffic from 1886 to 1899, see 1902 Year Book, p. 398.

Years	Canadian Vessels.		United States Vessels.		Freight carried.				
	No.	Registered Tonnage.	No.	Registered Tonnage.	Originating in Canada.		Originating in United States.		Total Tons.
					Tons.	P.c. of total.	Tons.	P.c. of total.	
1900..	21,755	4,129,250	5,502	2,408,985	-	-	-	-	5,013,693
1901..	20,860	3,980,264	5,034	2,482,274	-	-	-	-	5,665,259
1902..	22,198	4,485,695	6,433	4,086,439	-	-	-	-	7,513,197
1903..	23,767	5,212,832	6,605	4,236,475	-	-	-	-	9,203,817
1904..	21,851	4,772,100	6,253	3,655,905	-	-	-	-	8,256,236
1905..	23,726	5,191,191	7,085	5,096,241	-	-	-	-	9,371,744
1906..	25,498	5,526,321	7,319	5,685,315	-	-	-	-	10,523,185
1907..	28,833	6,328,911	9,328	11,604,834	-	-	-	-	20,543,639
1908..	29,040	6,780,789	7,489	8,521,139	5,012,147	28.6	12,490,673	71.3	17,502,820
1909..	22,507	7,811,578	9,996	16,459,322	7,378,057	21.8	26,342,691	78.2	33,720,748
1910..	25,337	8,931,790	11,462	21,777,297	7,883,614	18.3	35,106,994	81.7	42,990,608
1911..	25,585	9,172,192	10,370	18,231,622	7,792,907	20.5	30,237,446	79.5	38,030,353
1912..	27,371	10,237,335	11,785	24,636,190	9,376,529	19.7	38,210,716	80.3	47,587,245
1913..	28,654	12,078,041	10,739	24,238,788	11,130,875	21.2	40,923,038	78.7	52,053,913
1914..	26,125	12,050,856	7,742	15,636,414	9,382,206	25.3	37,641,031	74.7	37,023,237
1915..	21,575	9,398,207	6,415	7,385,101	6,789,423	44.7	8,409,380	55.3	15,198,803
1916..	23,002	9,839,029	6,800	10,660,839	7,486,962	31.7	16,096,529	68.3	23,583,491
1917..	21,588	9,831,694	6,594	10,259,772	5,964,369	26.8	16,274,566	73.2	22,238,925
1918..	18,909	7,800,972	6,791	9,616,200	3,369,477	17.8	15,514,142	82.2	18,883,619
1919..	20,682	8,785,973	4,092	5,259,173	4,565,831	48.7	5,129,435	51.3	9,995,266
1920..	23,038	8,521,643	3,826	3,838,890	4,094,044	46.9	4,641,339	53.1	8,783,383
1921..	25,720	10,079,388	2,969	2,330,178	4,562,028	48.5	4,844,993	51.5	9,407,021
1922..	26,217	11,059,261	3,735	3,165,054	6,273,227	62.1	3,752,828	37.9	10,026,055
1923..	27,112	13,013,970	3,399	3,325,809	7,637,485	68.2	3,561,949	31.8	11,199,434
1924..	27,467	13,888,909	3,233	2,821,177	8,857,177	68.8	4,011,920	31.2	12,869,097
1925..	28,361	14,964,785	3,587	3,824,924	9,570,311	67.7	4,560,356	32.3	14,130,667
1926..	27,965	14,542,485	3,543	3,144,866	9,656,190	71.7	3,821,478	28.3	13,477,668
1927..	32,149	17,472,601	4,013	3,364,461	11,952,312	68.3	5,535,999	31.7	17,488,311