

## 47.—Traffic through individual Canadian Canals, navigation seasons 1927-31—concluded.

Canal and Year.	Canadian Vessels.		United States Vessels.		Total Passengers.	Total Freight Carried. tons.
	No.	Registered Tonnage.	No.	Registered Tonnage.		
		tons.		tons.		
<b>St. Peters—</b>						
1927.....	903	58,540	19	5,345	302	46,306
1928.....	964	65,306	20	6,287	174	52,848
1929.....	909	69,689	27	4,749	370	49,650
1930.....	845	76,861	20	2,923	194	59,973
1931.....	871	69,849	22	4,270	126	47,528
<b>Murray—</b>						
1927.....	440	104,893	141	10,724	8,339	712
1928.....	290	46,081	86	1,282	2,325	1,385
1929.....	301	37,316	148	2,747	—	4,875
1930.....	279	66,128	164	3,572	—	2,316
1931.....	302	70,988	180	3,879	60	889
<b>Ottawa—</b>						
1927.....	3,017	553,140	193	23,055	27,565	455,759
1928.....	3,694	606,187	178	23,014	24,116	487,786
1929.....	3,509	652,730	106	12,209	22,995	537,037
1930.....	3,209	687,987	49	5,013	22,082	540,933
1931.....	3,111	618,807	24	1,984	24,648	492,919
<b>Rideau—</b>						
1927.....	1,139	64,081	30	1,525	3,803	57,951
1928.....	936	78,368	19	685	1,441	51,999
1929.....	744	64,259	17	602	1,115	45,901
1930.....	506	51,104	11	348	785	28,210
1931.....	505	45,843	6	180	793	27,521
<b>Trent—</b>						
1927.....	2,577	82,411	79	2,042	47,954	27,754
1928.....	2,456	81,899	22	488	39,291	30,311
1929.....	2,024	64,588	29	1,315	33,908	17,843
1930.....	1,712	64,614	14	234	26,959	23,785
1931.....	2,374	53,160	32	627	20,267	23,172
<b>St. Andrews—</b>						
1927.....	350	70,019	—	—	262	64,331
1928.....	364	74,259	—	—	138	51,948
1929.....	678	89,867	—	—	1,084	58,628
1930.....	847	115,645	—	—	893	89,715
1931.....	277	30,475	—	—	202	16,276
<b>Summary<sup>1</sup>—</b>						
1927.....	32,149	17,472,601	4,013	3,364,461	210,884	17,468,311
1928.....	30,575	17,435,176	3,973	3,270,591	188,046	18,720,441
1929.....	25,917	13,741,071	2,400	2,323,350	164,582	13,699,647
1930.....	24,100	14,489,045	2,063	1,684,576	133,266	14,803,334
1931.....	25,830	15,869,553	1,821	1,749,231	126,633	16,189,074

<sup>1</sup>Figures include duplications where vessels use two or more canals.

**The Panama Canal.**<sup>1</sup>—The Panama canal, which was opened to commercial traffic on Aug. 15, 1914, is a waterway which is destined to be of the greatest importance to the British Columbian ports, from which vessels now leave direct for Great Britain and European ports throughout the year. As an alternative route to that of the transcontinental railway lines, such a passage by water is of vital importance in the solution of the larger transportation problems of the continent, and while its influence is perhaps more potential than actual, such a check on transcontinental rail rates is a valuable one. During the war the great expectations based upon the opening of the canal were not realized, owing to the scarcity of shipping, but, with the post-war decline in ocean freight rates, an increase in traffic between our Pacific ports and Europe is occurring, and, while the proportion carried in vessels of Canadian registry is comparatively small, the cargo tonnage has nevertheless assumed considerable proportions. During the year ended June 30, 1931, as will be seen from Table 48, a tonnage of 110,924 originating on our eastern coast and a total of 967,100 tons destined for our western coast were carried westward

<sup>1</sup> Revised, and figures supplied, by courtesy of the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone.