

through the canal. The greater importance of the route as one from Pacific to Atlantic ports is illustrated by the total of 3,525,133 tons from western ports and 517,470 tons destined for eastern Canadian ports locked through in the same period. Strictly intercoastal Canadian cargo during the year aggregated 147,260 long tons. The canal is thus becoming an avenue of trade between Eastern and Western Canada.

The report of the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone for the year ended June 30, 1931, records a decrease from 1930 of from 6,185 to 5,529 in the number of transits, a decrease from 29,980,614 to 27,792,146 in canal net tonnage and decreases from \$27,076,890 to \$24,645,457 in tolls collected, and from 30,030,232 to 25,082,800 in tons of cargo carried (Table 49).

With respect to traffic by nationality of vessels and cargo carried, vessels of United States registration carried 11,805,132 tons, or 47.1 p.c. of the total cargo of 25,082,800 tons locked through in the year 1931. British vessels carried 5,971,281 tons, or 23.8 p.c., Japanese vessels 1,104,512 tons, or 4.4 p.c., German vessels 1,261,763 tons, or 5.0 p.c. and Norwegian vessels 1,720,383 tons, or 6.9 p.c.

**48.—Traffic to and from the East and West Coasts of Canada via the Panama Canal, years ended June 30, 1921-31.**

Year.	Originating on—		Destined for—	
	Canada, West Coast.	Canada, East Coast.	Canada, West Coast.	Canada, East Coast.
	long tons.	long tons.	long tons.	long tons.
1921.....	125,638	39,561	126,414	16,558
1922.....	180,951	25,174	148,305	6,521
1923.....	604,546	92,939	101,588	125,283
1924.....	1,223,102	110,677	141,066	197,204
1925.....	1,082,282	121,803	158,709	379,284
1926.....	1,650,855	160,196	168,295	614,580
1927.....	1,548,738	207,003	243,009	803,418
1928.....	2,945,675	168,287	263,960	394,173
1929.....	2,578,952	202,522	226,810	510,475
1930.....	1,947,277	261,532	179,242	189,349
1931.....	3,525,133	110,924	967,100	517,410

**49.—Summary of Commercial Traffic through the Panama Canal, years ended June 30, 1915-31.**

Year.	Atlantic to Pacific.		Pacific to Atlantic.		Total Traffic.	
	Vessels.	Cargo Tonnage.	Vessels.	Cargo Tonnage.	Vessels.	Cargo Tonnage.
	No.	long tons.	No.	long tons.	No.	long tons.
1915.....	522	2,070,993	553	2,817,461	1,075	4,888,454
1916.....	396	1,369,019	362	1,725,095	758	3,094,114
1917.....	874	2,929,260	929	4,129,303	1,803	7,058,563
1918.....	915	2,639,300	1,154	4,592,731	2,069	7,232,031
1919.....	857	2,740,254	1,167	4,176,367	2,024	6,916,621
1920.....	1,180	4,092,516	1,298	5,281,983	2,478	9,374,499
1921.....	1,471	5,892,078	1,421	5,707,136	2,892	11,599,214
1922.....	1,509	5,495,934	1,227	5,388,976	2,736	10,884,910
1923.....	2,125	7,086,269	1,842	12,481,616	3,967	19,567,875
1924.....	2,740	7,960,100	2,490	19,134,610	5,230	26,994,710
1925.....	2,413	7,398,397	2,260	16,560,439	4,673	23,958,836
1926.....	2,760	8,037,087	2,437	16,000,351	5,197	24,037,438
1927.....	2,883	8,583,327	2,587	19,164,888	5,470	27,748,215
1928.....	3,384	8,310,134	3,073	21,320,575	6,456	29,630,709
1929.....	3,348	9,882,520	3,065	20,780,486	6,413	30,663,006
1930.....	3,135	9,475,725	3,050	20,554,507	6,185	30,030,232
1931.....	2,804	6,680,429	2,725	18,402,371	5,529	25,082,800