such expenditure cannot be regarded as any indication of the present worth of the undertakings represented. The cost of building canals and other waterways and permanent works to facilitate water transportation in Canada is represented in such reports at their original book values, no deductions having been made from the cumulative totals for depreciation from year to year or for abandonment of earlier works which have been superseded, as for instance, in the first Welland Canals. To this extent such figures are an over-statement of the present value of the works in use. The figures are further limited by the fact that they do not include the cost of maintenance and improvements or the operation of these works, such charges having been made to the consolidated deficit account as annual expenditure and not to capital account. Table 22 shows that capital expenditure on canals, marine services and miscellaneous water-transport facilities reached the grand total of \$441.853.124 by the end of March 1954, but this must be interpreted with the above qualifications in mind. In Table 23 the capital values of the fixed assets administered by the National Harbours Board are shown as at Dec. 31, 1953 and 1954, and are in addition to the capital expenditure of Table 22. Figures in Table 23 reflect the capital situation in regard to the national harbours of Canada far better than do those of Table 22 in the case of waterways and facilities, inasmuch as they include all buildings, machinery and durable plant improvements; they also have been subject to deductions for depreciation and the scrapping or abandonment of plant and therefore more nearly approach the present value of the properties under the administration of the National Harbours Board.

22.—Capital Expenditure of the Federal Government on Canals, Marine Services and Miscellaneous Water-Transport Facilities as at Mar. 31, 1953 and 1954

Canals and Marine Services	Expenditure			Canals,	Expenditure		
	Years ended Mar. 31-		Total to Mar. 31,	Marine Services and Miscellaneous	Years ended Mar. 31-		Total to Mar. 31.
	1953	1954	1954	Facilities	1953	1954	1954
Canals	\$	\$	\$	Canals—concluded	\$	\$	\$
Quebec Canals— Beauharnois (old) Carillon and Gren- ville. Chambly (Richelieu R.) Lache St. Francis. Lake St. Francis. Soulanges St. Anne. St. Anne.		Cr. 550 ¹ — Cr. 11,923 ¹ —	4,191,727 780.619	Welland Ship Prior Welland Canals Canals generally Adjustment suspense	Cr. 20,9551 — —	Cr. 550 1 —	27,247,546 34,967 165,361
Ontario- St. Lawrence Canals-			100,001	Marine Services			
Cornwall Williamsburg Canals	_	_	7,233,823 1,334,552	steamers River St. Lawrence	4,797,774	1,564,863	25,173,208
Farran's Point Rapide Plat	Ξ	_	877,091	contractdredging	3,133,302	4,399,988	109, 549, 385
Galop. Galop Channel North Channel River Reaches St. Peters, N.S Culbute Lock and			$\begin{array}{r} 6,143,468\\ 1,039,896\\ 1,995,143\\ 483,830\\ 648,547 \end{array}$	Totals, Marine Services Miscellaneous	7,931,076	5,964,851	134,722,593
Dam (Ottawa R.) Rideau Tay St. Lawrence Ship	Ξ	=	382,391 4,213,961	Burlington Bay Canal	_	_	217,996 308,328
(surveys) Sault Ste. Marie Trent	-	Cr. 1,400 ¹	4,935,809	Burlington Channel improvements Cape Tormentine Harbour	13,015	60,774 49,868	1,547,778 144,868

Note.-Compiled from annual reports of the Department of Transport and the Public Accounts.

For footnotes, see end of table.