



BASINS AND RIVERS		AREA DRAINED	BASINS AND RIVERS		AREA DRAINED	
		Sq Miles			Sq Miles	
Hudson Bay Basin		1,421,350	17. Rupert	16,300	30. Hamilton	30,800
1. Nelson	344,550	18. Payne	14,700	31. St John	14,400	
2. Churchill	109,100	19. Thlewiaza	14,700	32. Romane	5,800	
3. Thelon (Thelon-Dubawnt)	82,700	20. Harricanaw	13,900	33. Miramichi	4,900	
4. Kaksoak	55,800	21. Leaf	12,900	34. Exploits	4,600	
5. Albany	45,400	22. Great Whale	12,000	35. Humber	2,800	
6. Moose	42,700	23. Povungnituk	9,900	36. Gander	2,000	
7. Hayes	41,200	24. Broadback	8,600	37. Little (Grey)	1,000	
8. Severn	39,300	Arctic Basin	1,380,895	Pacific Basin	400,730	
9. Fort George	36,700	25. Mackenzie	696,700	38. Yukon	127,190	
10. Kazan	27,600	26. Back	35,300	39. Fraser	84,000	
11. Winisk	26,000	27. Anderson	23,800	40. Columbia	39,600	
12. Nottaway	25,400	28. Coppermine	15,600	41. Skeena	21,200	
13. Attawapiskat	19,400	Atlantic Basin (exclusive of Hudson Bay)	580,097	42. Stikine	19,600	
14. Seal	18,800	29. St. Lawrence	306,900	43. Aisek	10,100	
15. Eastmain	18,300			44. Nass	8,000	
16. George	16,400			45. Taku	6,200	

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Lawrence assumed the role of an avenue of trade with Europe. The water route has been under almost continual improvement, which has consisted of two phases—the dredging of the natural channel between Quebec and Montreal, and the making and re-making of channels around the many rapids in the river between Montreal and the Great Lakes. The work was climaxed in 1959 with the opening of the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway, a joint Canada-United States project permitting ocean-going vessels to enter the Great Lakes. The Waterway, providing cheap transportation for bulk commodities such as grain and iron ore to and from the very heart of the Continent, is expected to have considerable impact on the economy of the two countries.

The five Great Lakes, fed by the vast drainage basin, act as a mighty reservoir for the flow of the St. Lawrence River and provide a constant source of power for large hydro-electric developments.