

### 20.—Seamen Engaged and Discharged at Canadian Ports, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1945-54

NOTE.—Figures from 1918 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1941 edition.

Year	Seamen Engaged	Seamen Discharged	Year	Seamen Engaged	Seamen Discharged
	No.	No.		No.	No.
1945.....	29,230	25,056	1950.....	43,677	43,194
1946.....	30,361	27,042	1951.....	40,241	40,535
1947.....	43,973	42,205	1952.....	43,724	40,664
1948.....	59,768	60,793	1953.....	42,723	36,610
1949 <sup>1</sup> .....	50,379	49,544	1954.....	42,837	43,142

<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland included from Apr. 1, 1949.

**Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited.**— In conformity with the Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement of 1926 (16-17 Geo. V, c. 16) the Federal Government has provided direct steamship services to the West Indies through the medium of Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited.

At the end of 1954 the Canadian National Steamships owned and operated eight vessels in service between Canada and the British West Indies.

### 21.—Financial Statistics of Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited 1945-54

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1929-38 are given in the 1942 Year Book, p. 620, and for 1939-44 in the 1950 edition, p. 777.

Year	Operating Revenue	Operating Expenditure	Operating Net	Depreciation	Interest	Book Loss or Surplus
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1945.....	4,412,252	2,569,626	+1,842,626	279,466	612,999	+1,116,086
1946.....	6,669,129	4,671,148	+1,997,981	288,092	596,499	+1,302,052
1947.....	7,857,471	6,534,600	+1,322,871	493,594	573,298	+522,677
1948.....	7,964,720	6,828,392	+1,136,328	492,222	563,794	+166,044
1949.....	6,595,007	5,985,873	+609,134	492,222	577,410	-460,498
1950.....	5,124,200	5,220,806	-96,606	371,699	560,462	-1,028,767
1951.....	6,808,478	6,337,987	+470,491	371,699	565,784	-466,992
1952.....	7,449,247	6,605,514	+843,733	372,392	475,250	-3,909
1953.....	4,509,342	4,892,150	-382,808	268,772	475,250	-1,126,330
1954.....	5,105,082	5,424,983	-319,901	269,031	475,250	-628,410

### Subsection 6.—The St. Lawrence Seaway

The St. Lawrence Seaway and the St. Lawrence Power Project were given special treatment in separate articles in the 1955 Year Book, at pp. 885-888 and 549-553 respectively. The following material, giving a brief look at the Seaway project as at the beginning of May 1956, has been extracted from the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority releases.

A little over a year from the time the first blast was set off marking the beginning of work for excavation of 7,600 feet of the Seaway channel and construction of protecting dyke on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River near Montreal, construction contracts valued at nearly \$80,000,000 had been awarded by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority. The total cost of works undertaken by Canada for Seaway navigation is estimated at approximately \$200,000,000, and that for the United States at about \$100,000,000.