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July, 1913.—A Report upon the traffic of the proposed Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal, based upon the trade of Canada in the years 1909 to 1912 inclusive.

- May, 1912.—A Report upon the plans presented by the Canadian Government Commission for a Canal from the St. Lawrence to the Georgian Bay, with special reference to the points where these plans proposed alternative routes or levels to those shown upon the plans of the Canal Company lodged with the Government.
- May, 1913.—Report by the Engineers of the Canal Company upon the division of the Canal works into sections for purposes of economical construction and operation prior to the completion of the entire Canal.

The Canal Company's applications to Parliament. 66. Owing to the various circumstances named in this memorandum the Canal Company have been compelled to make frequent applications to Parliament; and have frequently had to meet very serious opposition.

The Company has promoted and carried through Parliament the following private Acts :--

57 & 58 Victoria	c. 103	1894
60 Victoria	c. 2	1896
61 Victoria	c. 109	1898
63 & 64 Victoria	c. 106	1900
2 Edward 7	c. 77	1902
4 Edward 7	c. 98	1904
6 Edward 7	c. 128	1906
7 & 8 Edward 7	c. 130	1908
9 & 10 Edward 7	c. 130	1910
2 George 5	c —	1912
3 & 4 George 5	c. 154	1913

Company compelled again to apply to Parliament. 67. The report of the Commission appointed by Sir Robert Borden's Government to enquire into the feasibility of the proposed waterway and its probable traffic has not yet been presented.

Meanwhile the Canal Company, in view of this enquiry, are unable to take any steps whatever to exercise the powers which the Canadian Parliament has conferred upon them.

The Company's right to exercise its powers cease on 1st May, 1916. They have petitioned Parliament to grant a further extention of time, and a Bill

confined to that object has been introduced this Session.

Conclusion.

68. The Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company respectfully submit to the Canadian Government this narrative of their efforts made during the last 21 years, with the aid of their British associates, to secure the construction of this great Canadian Waterway.

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