

Colborne, at the Lake Erie end of the Welland canal, amounted to \$1,067,876, and that it would take another year to complete the work.

The New Ontario Steamship Co., which has its headquarters in Hamilton, Ont., has received from the Clyde a new steamer, 253 ft. over all, and 40 ft. in breadth. At her launching she was named the Neepawah by Mrs. W. G. Walton, wife of the President of the company.

Capt. Dane has purchased the U.S. steamer Riverside, at Buffalo, N.Y., for the Brockville, Alexandria Bay, Ogdensburg route, to replace the str. Massena, destroyed by fire. The Riverside was built in 1892, her dimensions being: length, 84 ft.; breadth, 19 ft.; tonnage—gross, 124 tons; register, 90.

The tug Reliance owned by the Midland Towing and Wrecking Co., of Midland Ont., was burned recently at Spanish River, Ont. The hull has been raised and towed to Collingwood where it will be rebuilt. The Reliance was built at Collingwood in 1892, her dimensions being, length, 124 ft.; breadth, 23 ft.; depth, 11 ft. 6 in.; tonnage - gross, 311 tons; register, 182.

The Lake Carriers' Association is considering the proposal to cut a canal across St. Clair Flats, Ont., about 30 miles in length. The canal would cut Detroit, Mich., off from the marine world entirely, would save seventy-nine miles of the present course, and the ships using the canal would avoid the dangers of Ballard's reef, the Lime Kiln crossing, Bar Point, Colchester Reef and Point Pelee.

The total freight passing through the Canadian and the U.S. canals at Sault Ste. Marie, in Sept., was 4,265,650 tons, against 4,673,532 tons in Sept., 1902. The figures for the Canadian canal are:

|             | 1903.          | 1902.          | Increase<br>or<br>Decrease. |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| April ..... | 159,763 tons   | 190,926 tons   | 31,163 tons -               |
| May .....   | 636,747 "      | 314,262 "      | 322,485 " +                 |
| June .....  | 917,105 "      | 1,118,564 "    | 201,459 " -                 |
| July .....  | 890,338 "      | 523,936 "      | 366,402 " +                 |
| Aug .....   | 879,420 "      | 659,858 "      | 219,562 " +                 |
| Sept .....  | 639,320 "      | 560,931 "      | 79,289 " +                  |
|             | 4,122,693 tons | 3,367,577 tons | 755,116 tons +              |

+ increase. — decrease.

A despatch from Chicago says: The great activity among Canadian and English ship-building industries, which are building vessels for the export grain trade on the great lakes, is causing much alarm among American vessel owners. Canadian capitalists are making swift strides toward controlling transportation of grain from the head of the lakes, and in time from Chicago and other important shipping ports. They have been quick to see the advantages of the Canadian routes to the seaboard as compared with the American routes, and no time is being lost in building boats to carry out the purpose. Large steel steamers

are being turned out by the Canadian yards as rapidly as they can build them. There evidently is ample ground for anxiety among American vesselmen, since they are helpless to remedy the combination of circumstances which has prompted the foreign interests aggressively to seek their commerce. The American rates for transportation to the seaboard are prohibitive as compared with figures the Canadians are prepared to offer. The latter are said to have the advantage because they are not compelled to submit to excessive demands of labour unions and can carry the grain at much lower figures.

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The Government Crop Bulletin issued Dec. 12th, 1902, gives the following statistics for the year:

| CROPS.        |           | AVERAGE  |  | TOTAL.          |  |
|---------------|-----------|----------|--|-----------------|--|
| ACRES.        |           | YIELD.   |  |                 |  |
| Wheat.....    | 2,039,940 | 26. bus. |  | 53,077,267 bus. |  |
| Oats.....     | 725,060   | 47.5 "   |  | 34,478,160 "    |  |
| Barley.....   | 329,790   | 35.9 "   |  | 11,848,422 "    |  |
| Potatoes..... | 22,005    | 157 "    |  | 3,459,325 "     |  |

### STOCK.

Number of stock in the Province, July 1, 1902:  
Horses..... 146,591    Sheep..... 20,518  
Cattle..... 282,343    Pigs..... 95,598  
Value of Dairy Products..... \$926,314

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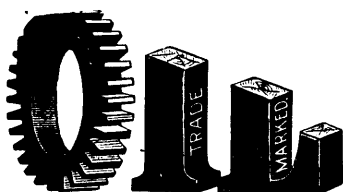
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