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THE SEAWAY: 3RD ANNIVERSARY

July 1 marked the third anniversary of the establishment of The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and progress, already marked, is assuming a more rapid pace over the major construction area of 112 miles between Montreal and Prescott at the head of the International Rapids Section, reported Mr. Charles Gavsie, President of the Authority, in a special statement. A programme of deepening at the Welland Ship Canal is also well advanced, he said.

Since the actual beginning of construction marked by the first blast on November 17, 1954 on Contract No. 1 for the construction of some two miles of the Seaway channel between Jacques Cartier and Victoria Bridges at Montreal, the entire river course between Montreal and the Thousand Islands has undergone a vast change. Now all the dredging contracts, the excavation and concreting contracts have been awarded, and a number of them, several of major importance, are already completed.

In the months ahead the activity will be concentrated on the completion of concrete structures and the fabrication and installation of lock gates and other features as well as the construction and modification of nearly a dozen bridges across the St. Lawrence Seaway channel.

According to the latest engineering report, Mr. Gavsie stated, the dry excavation stands at 63 per cent completed. More than 35,500,000 cubic yards of rock, earth and other material have been dug from the stream side

to prepare the Seaway channel. A great fleet of dredges has removed from the river bed no less than 7,501,910 cubic yards of rock, sand silt and other overburden for a progress figure of 41 per cent. Concreting which had, of necessity, to wait upon excavation stands at 36 per cent complete. The quantity placed is 725,030 cubic yards or nearly 1,500,000 tons.

Mr. Gavsie reported that 5,433 men are at work on the 90 contracts for construction and supply which have been awarded by the Canadian Seaway Authority. The value of these contracts is over \$230,000,000.

In the Lachine Section, the most important from the point of view of quantities and contractual cost, 47 contracts for a total value of \$99,864,433 have been awarded. There are 2,724 men employed on this work. The completion figure here is 45 per cent.

On the six contracts in force in the Soulanges Section near Beauharnois, 1,242 men are at work. Contracts are valued at \$38,251,904 and 25 per cent of the work has been completed.

The three dredging contracts in Lake St. Francis are valued at \$5,764,000 and are 75 per cent complete. Three hundred and thirty-two men are engaged in this work.

In the International Rapids Section 12 contracts have been awarded at a value of \$35,270,303. Here 628 are at work and the contracts are 25 per cent completed.

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