

SUMMARY -

Thus the aspirations of many generations of traders, explorers, businessmen and politicians are at last about to be realized. It has been calculated that about 80 per cent of the merchant shipping of the world could use the improved facilities of the St. Lawrence Seaway; when all the inter-connecting channels have been completed, the industrialized heartland that has been developed along the fringes of the Great Lakes will be accessible to most of the merchantmen that trade upon the high seas.

Quite aside from the material advantages which the Seaway will bring, it would be a mistake to overlook the establishment of the co-operative working arrangements that have been developed in the course of the construction of these mighty works between Canada and her neighbour, the United States. Nothing could be more fitting than that these joint facilities should be opened ceremonially by her Majesty the Queen and by President Eisenhower in June of 1959.

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