

History

In the early part of the sixteenth century the French explorer, Jacques Cartier, was turned back by the rushing waters of the Lachine Rapids just west of what is now Montreal and was thereby forced to abandon his dream of finding the Northwest Passage to the Orient. At various times during the intervening three hundred-odd years, canals have been dug and locks built around the natural barriers to navigation in the St. Lawrence River and in the waters connecting the

The Lachine Canal was completed to a depth of five feet in 1821 and deepened to fourteen feet between 1870 and 1883

