

follow the American Canal system. At the Eisenhower lock they drop 40 feet into the three-and-a-half miles of overland canal. At the Grass River, or Snell Lock, a further drop of 46 feet completes the bypass of the international power installations at Cornwall and the ships enter Canadian waters again.

The American operations were entrusted to the United States Army's Corps of Engineers, traditionally responsible for America's inland waterways.

The actual work was done by private firms under contract to the Army. For the hundreds of thousands of tourists who visited the project each year, the star of the show was "the Gentleman," the biggest dragline in the world, digging a channel. Weighing 650 tons, it swung at the touch of a lever. Its enormous bucket scooped 20 tons of earth at a single bite. The Gentleman's two thousand-mile journey from its home in the minefields of Kentucky lasted 68 days,

*Excavating blasted rock in the Côte Ste. Catherine cut, site of the Seaway lock and twenty-seven-foot channel opposite Montreal*

