

Its importance can to some extent be realized by the mere statement of the fact that statistics show the passage yearly between the two Lakes of traffic to the enormous extent of over 40,000,000 tons.

Colonel Tisdale has also been engaged in other works and contracts of an extensive and varied nature. He has interested himself at various times in lumbering, mining, sheep farming and cattle ranching. He is now Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Crown Life Insurance Company. His commercial and financial experiences have made him pre-eminently a "man of affairs."

MILITARY CAREER

At the time of the Trent affair, in 1861, during the Civil War in the United States, Colonel Tisdale joined as a private, a rifle company then being formed in Simcoe and was unanimously chosen captain. He volunteered with his company for active service in the winter of 1864 and went to Niagara as part of a provisional battalion stationed there for four months to guard the frontier from breaches of neutrality laws by Southern refugees.

In the Fenian Raid of 1866 Colonel Tisdale was again out with his Company in defence of his country.

During September of that year a battalion of eight companies—the 39th Norfolk Rifles—was formed in Norfolk County and Colonel Tisdale was gazetted Lieut.-Colonel thereof.

In 1872 he was officially thanked, in General Orders, by the Militia Department of Canada for having successfully dispersed with his battalion a