

## Bow Wave

**F**IVE brimming basins, measured by the hundred mile, plumbed by the hundred fathom, pass down the clear cold waters of eastern North America to the mighty arms of the St. Lawrence. He in turn bears them to the all-receiving sea.

These are the Great Lakes—Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. They are connected by smaller lakes, by rivers, by straits. Cataracts which once prevented intercourse between Ontario and Erie, between Huron and Superior, have been conquered by canals. The five brimming basins give direct access from the Atlantic Ocean to the heart of the continent. Forty million people live in the states of the American Union and the province of the Dominion of Canada for which the lakes are a frontier highway. Ten-thousand-ton monsters of steel traverse the mighty watercourse, bearing a commerce six times as great as that which passes Suez. The international highway is as much devoted