

May traffic through the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section of the Seaway this year reached a peak of 3,865,000 tons, exceeded only by the 3,889,000 tons for October 1962.

On the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section, 1,816,000 tons of upbound cargo during May represents a 23.2 percent increase over the 1,474,000 tons recorded for the same month a year ago. May downbound traffic (2,049,000 tons) is a 13.0 percent decrease from 2,355,000 tons for May 1962.

The increase in upbound traffic is attributable largely to a substantial movement of iron ore.

During the 1963 period of April and May, a 34.6 percent increase in upbound traffic over the corresponding 1962 period is noted (2,560,000 tons this year, compared to 1,901,000 tons last year) and the 2,953,000 tons downbound reported for the April and May period this year is 3.1 per cent higher than the 2,866,000 tons of cargo during the first two months of 1962.

The same general pattern exists in the Welland Canal statistics. For the month of May a 19.7 per cent increase in upbound cargo (1,839,000 tons in 1963 compared to 1,536,000 tons in 1962) and a downbound decrease of 6.2 per cent from 3,455,000 tons in 1962 to 3,242,000 in 1963 is recorded. In comparing the April-through-May periods of 1963 with 1962, upbound traffic increased by 17.9 per cent from 2,142,000 tons to 2,524,000 tons, and downbound traffic decreased by 4.3 per cent, from 4,719,000 tons in 1962 to 4,517,000 in 1963.

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### SUMMER PAGEANTRY

"Get on parade!" This order by a drill sergeant echoed across the great lawns of Parliament Hill on Sunday, June 30, to signal the beginning of the Changing-the Guard ceremony performed daily during the summer months. One of Ottawa's top tourist attractions, the spectacle is being performed again this year by a detachment from the 2nd Battalion, The Canadian Guards.

The 30-minute ceremony takes place on the lawn in front of the Peace Tower every day at 10 a.m. until Labour Day. This summer's performance, the fourth in a row for the 2nd Battalion, marks the fifth year the historic ceremony has been performed on Parliament Hill. It was first performed in Ottawa in 1959 by the regiment's 1st Battalion, during the visit of Queen Elizabeth II.

More than 100 members of the Battalion make up the "public duties" detachment, including the regimental band and the unit's pipes and drums. Last summer the guardsmen, in their scarlet and blue uniforms and towering bearskin hats, drew audiences estimated at a total of half a million.

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### OIL PIPELINE TRANSPORT

Total net deliveries of petroleum and its products through Canadian oil pipelines in February amounted to 36,124,432 barrels, an increase of 10.1 per cent over last year's February total of 32,822,114. Daily average deliveries increased to 1,290,158 barrels from 1,172,218. Deliveries in February this year included 22,941,660 barrels of crude oil and equivalent to refineries (up 10.3 per cent), 7,427,059 barrels of crude oil for export (up 9.7 per cent), and 5,345,939 barrels of L.P.G.'s and products to bulk plants and terminals (up 10.4 per cent).

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### CANADIANS ON FOOD COMMISSION

A four-man Canadian delegation of food experts attended a meeting in Rome from June 25 to July 3 to develop and simplify work on international food standards. This was the first session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, which had been established jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

Heading the Canadian delegation was H.V. Dempsey, Director of the Inspection Service of the Department of Fisheries of Canada. He was accompanied by Dr. R.A. Chapman, Assistant Director of Scientific Services in the Food and Drug Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, Dr. J.C. Woodward, Assistant Director General of the Research Branch, Department of Agriculture, and Mr. F. Shefrin, Chief of the Policies and Prices Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

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### CIVIL AVIATION IN MARCH

Operating revenues of six Canadian scheduled airlines that account for nearly 90 per cent of the total operating revenues of all Canadian airlines increased by 13 per cent in March and by 12.4 per cent in the January-March period this year, compared to last, while operating expenses rose by 5.2 per cent in the month and by 5.8 per cent in the quarter, according to advance figures that will be contained in the March issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Civil Aviation". The number of revenue passengers flown declined by 0.8 per cent in March and by 2.3 per cent in the January-March period, compared to a year ago, while the volume of revenue goods carried decreased by 4 per cent in the month and by 5.8 per cent in the quarter.

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