
SOME FACTS ABOUT FORT WILLIAM

FORT WILLIAM'S HARBORS

Harbor Frontage available for Dockage (exclusive of Frontage on Thunder Bay) 22.2 miles. Frontage already built up with wharves and retaining walls 7.62 miles. All land-locked and storm-proof. Total length of Harbor Frontage 26.04 miles.

Length of navigable channels in River section of Harbor 13.02 miles. At the close of the Season 1913, available depth in navigable channels varied from 20 feet to 27 feet, and in width from 175 feet to 600 feet.

Total area of present Harbor 805 acres, of which the entrance to Channels to the Kaministiquia and Mission Rivers occupy 148.8 acres. Total area covered by dredging, 353.6 acres.

Additional Harbor area available in Thunder Bay approximately 1,200 acres, giving a total area available for development in the Rivers and in Thunder Bay for this Harbor for about 2,000 acres.

As many as seventy lake boats ranging in length from 250 to 604 feet, have been accommodated in these protected Harbors at one time.

Land transportation over the Harbor channels is taken care of by a Rocker, a Bascule (or Jack-knife) and a Swing Bridge, providing rapid accommodation for vessels under way. The two first-named of these Bridges tilt upwards, the Bascule Bridge being equipped with the heaviest counter-weights of any bridge of its kind in the world.

Accidents are almost unknown in Fort William's Harbors, owing principally to the facilities provided.