

St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act

Section	Project	Date decision taken	Cost
Lachine Section	Turning basins—two in the Laprairie basin pool and one in Montreal harbour	Spring 1955	\$5,000,000
	Enlarging channel—Caughnawaga to Cote Ste. Catherine to by-pass 40,000 c.f.s.	Summer 1955	4,000,000
	Additional cost to provide a high level Mercier bridge rather than a lift span to provide facilities necessary to take care of future expansion of Mercier bridge by the province of Quebec	early 1956	11,000,000
	Additional vertical lift bridge at upper end of St. Lambert lock to provide uninterrupted highway traffic and to provide for future use by the railways for uninterrupted railway crossing to south shore	1955	5,500,000
	Two railway single track lift bridges (C.P.R. crossing) rather than one double track	1956	1,000,000
	Cote Ste. Catherine wharf	1955	1,500,000
	Greatly enlarged scope of municipal works	Various dates	5,000,000
Soulanges Section	Provision for future twinning of two locks, St. Lambert and Cte Ste. Catherine	1956	2,000,000
	Four-lane highway tunnel at Beauharnois in place of lift bridge (by request of province of Quebec)	early 1956	2,500,000
International Rapids Section	Snubbing wharf—temporary berthage (mooring)	1958	500,000
	Dredging and channel improvements north and south of Cornwall Island. Expenditure not previously provided for and resulting from decision made in 1956 as to division of cost between the two seaway entities. Areas to be dredged were divided so that estimated cost would be borne equally	1956	18,000,000
	Cornwall—south channel bridge substructure and related expenditures	1955	2,700,000
	North channel bridge	1956	6,500,000
	Contribution to power entities for channel enlargement. (Authority required to pay \$15,000,000, pursuant to exchange of notes on June 30, 1952 between Canada and the United States, and to receive \$6,000,000, under arrangements made in 1956.) Net expenditure, \$9,000,000.	1956	9,000,000
Thousand Islands Section	Provision for future twinning, Iroquois lock.	1956	1,000,000
	Channel dredging and disposal	1956	1,000,000
Welland Section	Increase involved in deepening to specifications determined in the autumn of 1955	Autumn 1955	23,600,000
Generally:	Increased expenditure for land expropriations		4,700,000
	Total—		\$104,500,000

If the amount of the above-mentioned major additional cost of \$104,500,000 is added to the first budget figure of \$205,500,000, the resultant total is \$310 million, as compared with the 1959 budget total of \$329 million, an increase of \$19 million. Factors contributing to such an increase are the provision for claims and the general increase in construction costs between 1954 when the

first estimate was compiled and the dates of the awarding of contracts. I am informed that the index of construction cost increased 11 per cent between the end of 1954 and the end of 1956.

As questions have been placed on the order paper and references have been made in the press respecting claims filed by contractors in connection with St. Lawrence