

cents per ton of general cargo carried. In the Welland Canal a partial transit will be assessed 50 per cent of the toll for complete passage irrespective of the number of locks used.

"Other main features of the agreement and tariff of tolls are:

"Commercial vessels carrying passengers will be charged 50 cents per passenger for each lock transited between Montreal and Lake Erie, in addition to the vessel and cargo charge. The charge for a complete transit of the Seaway will be \$7.50 per passenger.

"The tariff will apply to all types of craft using the Seaway, including Government-owned or Government-operated vessels, except vessels of or employed by the Seaway entities.

"Pleasure craft will be subject to the same rates as other vessels, except that there is a minimum charge for pleasure craft of \$2.00 per lock transited. The minimum charge for all other vessels will be \$4.00 per lock transited.

"The unit of weight for the collection of tolls will be a ton of two thousand (2,000) pounds.

"Provision is made for prior registration of vessels and satisfactory security to be given for the payment of charges subsequent to which passage will be permitted. Toll collection and invoicing of accounts, as well as the preparation of statistical data, is assigned to the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority at Cornwall. The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation will participate in the billing and collecting operation, and will share in the annual cost of these services. Charges will be billed to the ship owner or representative promptly and will be payable within fourteen (14) days of the date of billing. An additional charge for nonpayment within this period may be levied in an amount not to exceed 5 per cent of the amount due.

"For through passages to or from Montreal and Lake Ontario, the invoice will show two amounts to be paid: (1) Canadian funds to cover the portion applicable to the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority of Canada, which has been initially set at 71 per cent of the total charges, and (2) the balance of the account, or 29 per cent, in U.S. funds, representing the portion applicable to the Saint Lawrence Development Corporation. Tolls for passage on the Welland Canal will be paid in Canadian funds.

"Bulk cargo as defined in the tariff of tolls includes such goods as are loose or in mass and generally must be shovelled, pumped, blown, scooped or forked in the handling and, without limiting the generality of the term or otherwise affecting its meaning, it is deemed to include barley, buckwheat, corn, dried beans, dried peas, flaxseed, rape seed and other oil seeds, flour, grain screenings, mill feed containing not more than 35 per cent of ingredients other than grain or grain products, oats, rye and wheat, loose, or in

sacks; cement, loose or in sacks; coke and petroleum coke, loose or in sacks; domestic package freight; liquids carried in ships' tanks; ores and minerals, loose or in sacks, including alumina, bauxite, coal, gravel, phosphate rock, sand, stone and sulphur; pig iron, scrap iron and scrap steel; pulpwood, poles and logs, loose or bundled; raw sugar, loose or in sacks; and woodpulp, loose or in bales. All commodities not included in the definition of bulk are classified as general cargo.

"The agreement provides that the toll revenue for that portion of the Seaway between Montreal and Lake Ontario be shared proportionately to the annual charges of the two Seaway entities. The agreement also permits, under appropriate procedure, changes in the list of goods defined as bulk cargo.

"The Joint Tolls Advisory Board to be constituted will consist of four persons, two of whom shall be appointed by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and two by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. The Board will hear complaints relating to the interpretation of the tariff by the Authority or the Corporation, or with respect to alleged unjust discrimination arising out of the operation of the tariff, and report its findings and recommendations to the Authority and the Corporation.

"The two Seaway entities are charged with the duty of reporting to their respective Governments not later than July 1, 1964, as to the sufficiency of the authorized tolls to meet the statutory requirements, and to cause the tariff to be reviewed accordingly. Reviews of the tariff at other times may of course take place by decision of the two Governments.

"As members know, this great inland waterway will become operative with the opening of the navigation season and we have every reason to look forward to a material increase in the volume of shipping using these facilities. This should be of great assistance to the development of the commerce of this nation and should enable goods produced in Canada to become more competitive in world markets. We look forward to the whole economy of Canada benefitting with the opening of this great seaway project".

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QUEEN'S PLATE ANNIVERSARY

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, will attend the centennial running of the Queen's Plate, classic of Canadian thoroughbred racing, on June 30, during the Royal Visit to Metropolitan Toronto. This race, held at the New Woodbine Race Course, is the oldest annual horse race in North America.

The feature of the meeting will be the presentation by the Queen of the traditional fifty guineas to the winning owner, a custom instituted by Queen Victoria one hundred years ago.

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