

Sault Ste. Marie, from south shore



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Bawating: tumbling waters, which are here forced through the narrow straits over a shallow bed of stone.

“The French word Sault (pronounced Soo) accurately expresses this kind of pitching rapids or falls.

The Indians call it Bawateeg or Pawateeg when speaking of the phenomenon; and Bawating or Pawating when referring to the place.”

*Henry Schoolcraft*

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# Sault Ste. Marie History

## 1622 - 1797

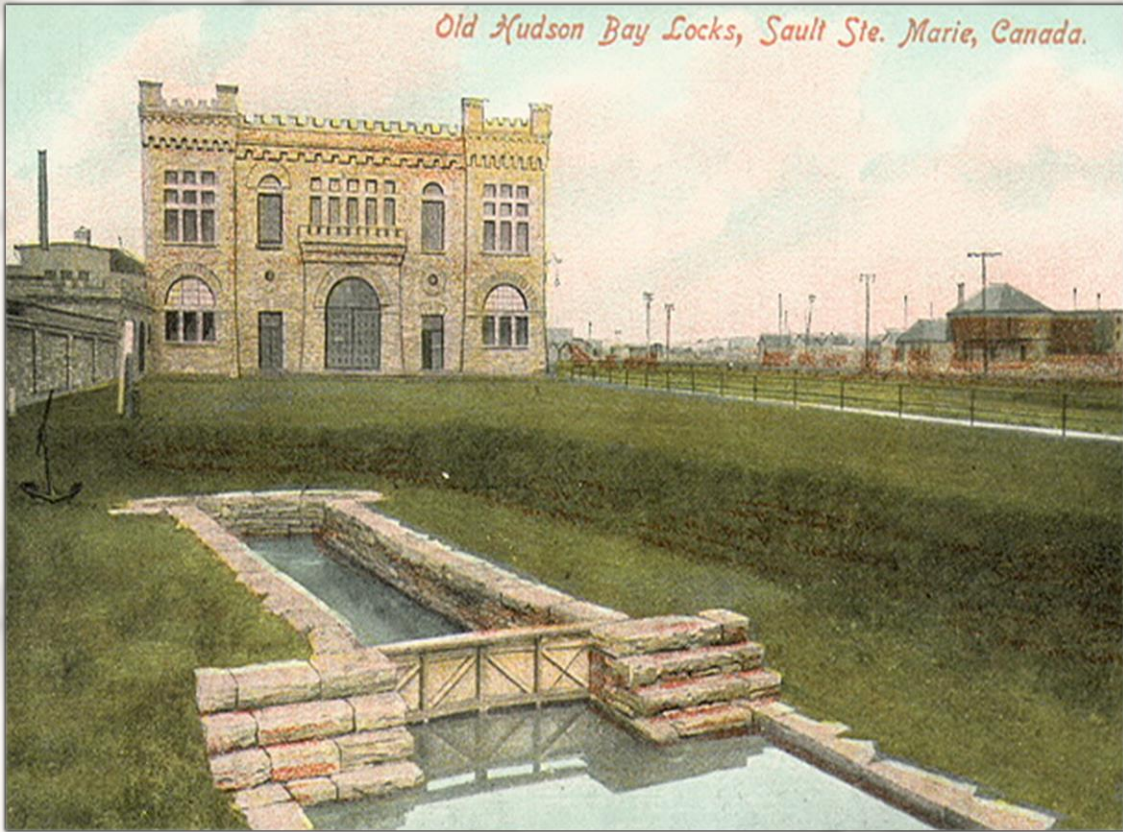
Pointe aux Pins Shipyard



<https://www.sootoday.com/>

The first wooden ship was built at Pointe aux Pins in 1734. Pointe aux Pins is known as Algoma’s first shipyard.

North West Company Lock



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The original lock was built by the North West Company for canoes and bateaux. It was burned during the War of 1812. The lock was reconstructed in 1896 by Mr. Francis H. Clergue on the foundations of the original.

North West Company/Hudson’s Bay Company Post



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The North West Company’s fur-trading post was built south of the river in 1791. In 1797 the post was moved to the north side of the river after the British abandoned their occupation of the American Midwest.

It later became a post for the Hudson’s Bay Company with the union of the two companies in 1821.

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Étienne Brûlé, first European explorer to the region

Champlain’s map of New France marks location of Sault du Gaston

Jesuit missionaries rename the settlement Sault Ste. Marie

France claims possession of “Great Lakes and beyond” at the Sault

First ship built at Pointe aux Pins

British take control of fur trade

North West Company establishes a fur-trading post

North West Company lock constructed

1622

1632

1669

1671

1734

1762

1791-7

1797