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Erie and Lake Ontario. The Welland Canals and Their Communities is an in-depth examination of the history and influence of each canal. It traces the changes over time in engineering elements such as the canal route, its water supply and flow, and its form, including locks, weirs, bridges, and other structures that have successively modified both the landscape and drainage pattern of its regional surroundings. In addition to these marine elements, John N. Jackson looks at the movements of vessels, the changing types of ships that have used the canal, and the economic character of trading flows within and through the canal to provide a detailed portrait of the interaction between transportation and land use of both the local and the regional level.

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