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A HUGE ICE BARRIER

The Great Lakes of America and the waterways of the St. Lawrence and its estuary, says the English journal "Nature," are firmly frozen over every winter. The ice begins to break up towards the end of March, and from the middle of April to the middle of May large quantities of drift ice are swept down into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The opening of this Gulf is almost entirely blocked by Newfoundland and Cape Breton Island, and nearly every year the gap between these islands is completely filled by great masses of ice. This block sometimes lasts for three weeks; it completely prevents the passage of ships, and is known as "the Bridge." As many as 300 ships have been held up at one time, and the Bridge is the cause of frequent wrecks on the coast of Newfoundland.

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