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The Saimaa Canal joins Lake Saimaa to the Gulf of Finland. On post-WW2 maps, part of the canal is on Russian territory.

Finland has leased Saimaa Canal from Russia since the 1960s. Both countries renewed the lease contract for another half-century in autumn 2008.

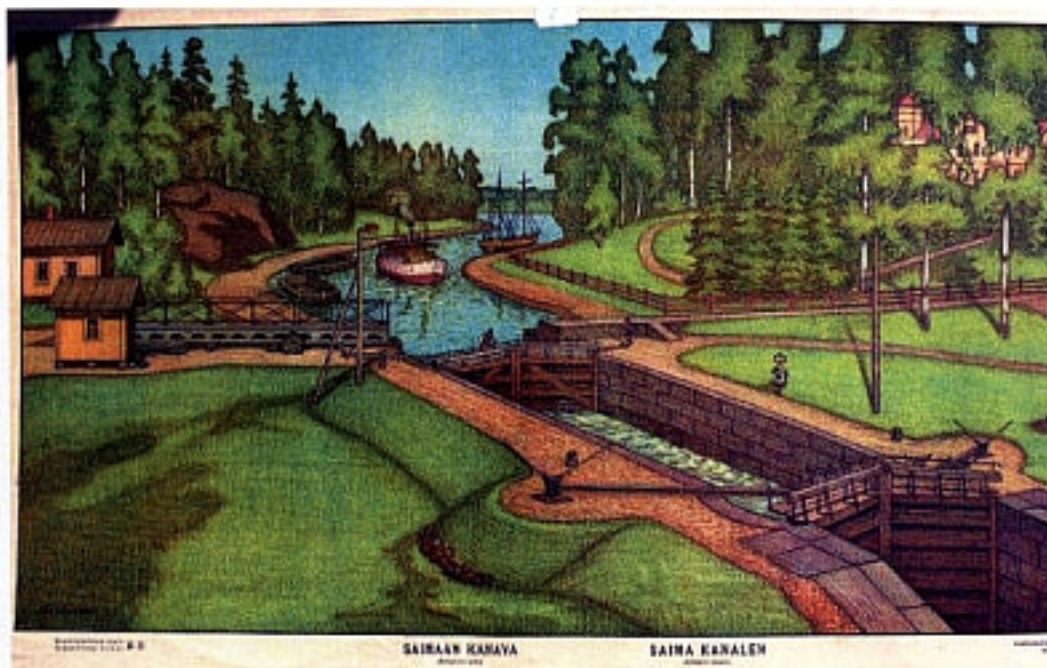
In the new contract, the annual rent paid by Finland for the canal will be quadrupled to 1.2 million euros annually. Additionally, maintenance of the canal will cost the state of Finland more than 10 million euros each year.

The Finns built Saimaa Canal in the 19th century. The canal was opened to traffic in its overall length of 43 kilometres in 1856.

After World War II, a 20-kilometre stretch of the canal remained on the territory that was yielded to USSR in the 1944 peace treaty. It was only in 1963 that the countries agreed on a lease contract that allowed the Finns to use the entire length of Saimaa Canal for a period of 50 years, until 2013.

Negotiations for a new bilateral contract for leasing Saimaa Canal to Finland started as early as September 2005. In autumn 2008, renewal for the lease contract for the next 50-year period (from 2013 to 2063) was confirmed. The amount of the

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An old geography-class poster from Pihlajavesi school in Keuruu depicts Saimaa Canal.