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[Hydrographic Map of European Russia] ГИДРОГРАФИЧЕСКАЯ КАРТА ЕВРОПЕЙСКОЙ РОССИИ

Stock#: 54482
Map Maker: State Transport University
(ГУПС)
Date: 1833
Place: Saint Petersburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 46.75 x 34.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,900.00



Description:

A Vision of Linking the White Sea, Baltic Sea, Caspian Sea, and the Black Sea.

Impressive engraved folding hydrographic map laying out Imperial Russia's extensive canal network, published by the State Transport University (государственный университет путей сообщения). An important document for pre-Railroad Russian transit.

The descriptive side panels list the following canals: the Lagoda Canal, the Syas Canal, the Novgorod or Sivers Canal, the Vyshnevolotsky Canal, the Tikhvin Canal, the Mariinsky Canal, the Onega Canal, the North-Ekaterininsky Canal, the Finnish Canal, the Berezinsky Canal, the Oginski Canal, the Royal Canal, the Duke Alexander Wurtenburg Canal, several canals linking major rivers, and other linkages between major rivers.

The descriptive side panel also describes transportation on large rivers such as the Volga, Syas, Tosna, and Moscow.

The map divides European Russia into five departments (I-V Окружное Правление). Major cities and anchorages are also displayed and ranked.

Russian Canal System

With its extensive network of natural waterways and relatively flat topography, Russia was well positioned to build the world's largest canal system. Beginning in earnest in the early 18th century, several major



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hydroengineering projects resulted in comprehensive canal systems connecting the Baltic and Caspian basins, and the Volga and Neva basins.

The long-term goal of the hydroengineering projects was to establish permanent links between the Caspian Sea, Black Sea, Baltic Sea, and the White Sea that were traversable by seagoing vessels. As a whole, the system has come to be known as the Unified Deep Water System of European Russia. The present map shows an early incarnation of this vision. Major additions and improvements to the system continued into the 20th century when projects such as the White Sea-Baltic Canal and the Volga-Don Shipping Canal.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and mounted on original linen. A small paper loss to upper left section. Some scattered light staining elsewhere, otherwise Very Good.