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C. P. R. MEETING.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—At a meeting of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway company to-day a dividend of 2 per cent. on the preferred stock for the half year ending June 30 last, was declared. A dividend of 3 per cent. for the same period was also declared on the common stock.

The results for the fiscal year to June 30 last were:
Gross earnings, \$48,967,373; working expenses, \$28,120,027.

Net earnings, \$15,850,845; income from other sources, \$1,280,812.

Total net income, \$17,123,658; less fixed charges, \$7,002,197. Less amount applied against ocean steamships, \$150,000. Net revenue available for dividends, \$9,921,460.

After payment of all dividends declared, the surplus for the year carried forward is \$3,973,990.

C.P.R. Increases.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—C.P.R. traffic receipts for the week ending August 1 are \$67,000, against \$77,000 last year. Much satisfaction is felt here in the annual decline over the increase in the half yearly dividend of the Canadian Pacific from 7 1/2 per cent. the feeling being that the company, which has been so conservative in the past, must be satisfied with the outlook for the future, or otherwise the increase would not have been made.

UNITED STATES CROPS.

The government report, as issued from Washington says:

Wheat condition, 77.1; corn, 78.7, oats, 80.5. The monthly report of the chief of bureau of statistics will show the condition of corn on Aug. 1, to have been 78.7, as compared with 79.1 on July 1, 1903; 80.5 on Aug. 1, 1902; 81.4 at corresponding date in 1901, and ten years average of 84.4.

The following table shows for each of the twenty principal corn states the condition on Aug. 1, of the last three years, and that on July 1, 1903, with the ten years average:—

State.	Aug. 1, 1903.	July 1, 1903.	Aug. 1, 1902.	Aug. 1, 1901.	ten years.
Illinois	74	78	80	81	87
Iowa	72	74	76	77	80
Nebraska	72	75	76	77	80
Kansas	71	74	75	76	79
Missouri	67	73	75	76	77
Ohio	71	74	75	76	79
Texas	85	88	88	88	74
Indiana	73	75	76	77	81
Georgia	88	88	87	87	80
Tenn.	73	75	76	77	81
Kentucky	85	86	78	87	87
Ohio	73	75	76	77	81
Alabama	80	82	83	84	84
North Carolina	81	82	82	84	84
Arkansas	82	84	87	87	87
Missouri	82	84	87	87	87
Virginia	80	84	84	87	87
South Carolina	80	84	84	87	87
South Dakota	89	87	88	88	81
Utah	80	84	87	87	87
Pennsylvania	80	84	87	87	87
United States	78.7	80.4	80.5	81.4	84.4

Preliminary returns indicate a winter wheat crop of about 100,000,000 bushels, or an average of 12.4 bushels per acre, as compared with 13.8 bushels last year. The following table shows the estimated average yield per acre in the twenty principal winter states in 1903 and 1902:—

State.	1903	1902.
Kansas	14	8.7
Missouri	14	11.3
Calif.	12.8	15
Indiana	12.8	15
Nebraska	12.8	15
Ohio	12.8	15
Illinois	12.8	15
Pennsylvania	12.8	15
Texas	12.8	15
North Dakota	12.8	15
Michigan	12.8	15
United States	12.4	13.3

The average spring wheat, 77.1, compared with 82.5 last month, 80.7, Aug. 1, 1902; 80.5, Aug. 1, 1901, and ten year average of 80.2. The following table shows for each of the principal spring wheat states taken on Aug. 1 with the ten years average:—

State	Aug. 1, 1903.	Aug. 1, 1902.	Aug. 1, 1901.	ten years.
Minnesota	77	84	88	83
North Dakota	87	89	88	83
South Dakota	87	89	88	83
Iowa	87	89	88	83
Washington	87	89	88	83
United States	77.1	82.5	80.7	80.2

The spring wheat suggests a yield of 220,000,000 bushels, compared with 254,000,000 bushels on July 1. August wheat figures suggest a total wheat yield of 680,000,000 bushels, compared with 670,000,000 bushels last year. The corn percentage suggests a total corn yield of 2,047,000,000 bushels, compared with 2,065,000,000 bushels suggested by the July percentage. The oats condition, 78.5, on the basis of 34 1/2 bushels, suggests total crop of oats of 700,000,000 bushels. The average of the oat crop for the past ten years was 82.6.

Victims of biting manias are more numerous than is generally supposed. A Peres mentions investigations tending to prove that about 25 per cent. of the children in French schools are nail-biters. Intestinal troubles. Growers of men with special liability to appendicitis. Gnawing hair is mostly confined to the lower animals, but many times the man mania has been manifested entirely about a pound having been taken from the stomach of a young girl of eleven. Thread-eating, to which little attention has been given, has been noticed in a girl of eighteen to the extent of eating a third of a woolen cloth in four or five days, while she had previously eaten a whole one in a month. These habits are regarded as nervous disorders, and they may even be hereditary and contagious by example.

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