

PORTO RICO RAILWAYS INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER.

Comparative statement of September earnings of the Porto Rico Railways Co., Ltd., follows:—

	1912	1913	Inc.	P.C.
For September:				
Gross.....	\$64,015	\$66,089	\$ 2,073	3.24
Net.....	22,276	27,229	2,952	22.23
For nine months:				
Gross.....	615,545	637,123	21,577	3.50
Net.....	216,618	277,510	60,981	28.11

LIQUIDATOR NAMED.

The Londonderry Iron Corporation has appointed A. J. McMillan as liquidator. He sails on the Carmania on Saturday, and visits Montreal and Halifax before proceeding to British Columbia, where he is concerned with Le Roi.

ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 10.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the shareholders of the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Company will be held at the head offices of the company in this city on November 10, at 12 o'clock noon.

SHAWINIGAN EARNINGS.

Gross earnings of Shawinigan Water & Power Co. rose to a new high level in September and show an increase of slightly over 27 per cent. as compared with the same month a year ago. For the nine months ended September 30th, gross earnings were \$275,227 ahead of last year's the increase being only slightly under 30 per cent.

AUTO COMPANY IN LIQUIDATION.

An order was secured this morning winding up the Northern Motor Car Company, of Kingston, with subscribed capital of \$85,000, and \$46,000 paid up. The money of the concern has been spent in advertising and experimental work, and it is felt to be impossible owing to the present state of trade and the automobile market to establish the business on a paying basis within a reasonable time. The company owes \$10,000 over and above the paid-up capital.

FOX COMPANY PAYS 40 P.C. DIVIDEND.

The annual meeting of the Charles Dalton Silver Black Fox Co., capitalized at \$625,000, has just been held. A dividend of 40 per cent., to be paid in cash, was declared. The company propose to go into raising minks, skunk and other fur-bearing animals, as well as foxes.

MONEY IN DIAMONDS.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., reports for year ended June 30, 1913, net income \$15,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 over previous year.

CANADIAN CAR AND FOUNDRY.

For its fiscal year ended Sept. 30 it is estimated that gross sales of Canadian Car & Foundry Company reached \$20,000,000, compared with \$16,500,000 in 1912.

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.

American Express Co. reports for year ended June 30:	1913	1912	Inc.	Dec.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total receipts				
from operation	47,849,010	43,714,875	4,134,135	.....
Op. income.....	571,877	1,340,415	.....	768,538
Other income....	1,341,579	1,533,114	.....	194,535
Total income....	1,913,456	2,876,529	.....	833,073
Dividends.....	2,160,000	2,160,000	.....	.....
Deficit.....	246,544	1,203,617	.....	963,073

SASKATCHEWAN'S WHEAT RECORD.

The following shows the acreage, production and yield of wheat in the Province of Saskatchewan during recent years:

Year	Acreage.	Production.	Yield
1913.....	5,688,113	118,000,000	20.7
1912.....	5,384,092	107,167,700	19.9
1911.....	5,232,248	96,796,588	18.5
1910.....	4,664,834	72,666,399	15.5
1909.....	4,085,000	90,215,000	22.1
1908.....	3,703,563	50,654,639	13.6
1907.....	2,047,724	27,691,601	13.5
1906.....	1,730,586	37,040,098	21.4

CANADIAN LUMBER OUTPUT LESS.

During the fiscal year of 1912 the lumber production for the Dominion in all the provinces was 4,389,723,000 feet valued at \$69,475,784, which is a decrease of 10.7 per cent. compared with 1911.

Ontario had a cut of 1,385,018,000 feet, valued at \$23,774,937; British Columbia is second with 1,313,792,000 feet, valued at \$17,738,830; Quebec next with 677,215,000 feet, valued at \$10,683,232 and New Brunswick fourth with 449,738,000 feet valued at \$3,042,533.

Spruce was the most valuable timber, the cut being valued at \$20,378,853. The white pine cut was second in value, being \$19,119,694.

EAST INDIAN IRRIGATION ENTERPRISE.

The greatest enterprise ever undertaken by British irrigation engineers has just reached its completion. The Lower Bari Doab canal in the Punjab, the third and last section of the "Triple Canal Project," has been finished, and vast areas in the Punjab are receiving irrigation.

The Lower Bari Doab canal is unusual in its construction, for it actually crosses upon a level the important river Ravi. The canal has cost about \$7,500,000 and it is expected that it will irrigate over 871,000 acres of crops. The Chenab canal, which is another section of the Triple Project, alone irrigates an area equivalent to two-fifths of the whole cultivable area of Egypt.

The great Punjab canals have done more, for they have liberally peopled the desert wastes. The cultivators have been established in districts which were formerly quite useless. Their villages are thriving, their land is growing in value, and for them the desert sands have indeed proved golden.

The Triple Project cost \$35,000,000, but it yields to the government a return upon capital outlay of 7½ per cent. Yet it means affluence to the peasantry alone, and life in the canal zone is so popular among the stalwart men of Northern India that the development of irrigation is seriously affecting the recruiting for the Indian army.

A CURE FOR LAZINESS.

According to a special telegraphic despatch to the "New York World", dated September 30th a cure has been found for laziness. It is to wear red. The despatch says the cure was made public "at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Study of Spondylotherapy." Continuing, the despatch says:

"If you are lazy and a man, wear a red necktie. The laborer who wears a red woolen undershirt is full of energy. A woman who wears a red hat can gad about without fatigue."

Dr. Albert Abrams of San Francisco is sponsor for this effect of colors.

"I have tested the color scheme on humans and the lower animals and find red to be the type imparting the greatest energy," he said.