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**The Cuba Co.**—The railway projects to  
which Sir Wm. Van Horne and his associates  
have set their hands, and in which millions of  
dollars are involved will, it is said, be com-  
pleted about next April. There are 3,500  
men at work and more will be employed as  
soon as they can get labor from Spain. The  
men get \$1 a day of American money, and  
are well satisfied. By the date mentioned  
there will be some 400 miles of rail laid, which  
will include the main line and some branches.  
Sir William, on returning to Montreal from  
Cuba recently, said that he had never put his  
hand to a project in which he had met with  
less obstruction or opposition. There had  
been no demands, no blackmail; on the con-  
trary, the projectors had the hearty good will  
of the people. This was something to be able  
to say. There was one person who had writ-  
ten to the newspapers complaining that the  
prosecution of the enterprise was a violation  
of the Foraker amendment, but even that  
small measure of opposition had ceased, and  
the work was being prosecuted without a  
murmur from the people, who appreciated  
what it meant in the way of development.

R. G. Ward, manager of construction of  
this Co., Ciego de Avila, Cuba, wants man-  
ufacturers and dealers in all kinds of railway  
supplies, apparatus, fittings, machinery, etc.,  
likely to be used in the building and operat-  
ing of railways, to send to him catalogues  
and descriptive matter of their different  
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tion with its logging and development work in the Crow's Nest Pass country.

**Cuba Co.**—The railway from Santiago to Santa Clara, Cuba, about 335 miles, constructed for the Cuba Co., of which Sir William Van Horne is President, was formally opened Nov. 24, and a regular train service was put in operation Dec. 8. The trunk line is through rock, jungle and forest, over plateaus, rivers and valleys, and touches the main towns and native villages between the two extreme points. Later, branch lines, now in course of construction, will be opened for public traffic between Santiago and the Bay of Nipe, Jucaro and San Fernando, as well as from Santa Esperito Junction on to Santa Esperito City. A large hotel, to cost \$350,000, is projected at Havana. (Aug., 1902, pg. 263.)

**Cumberland Ry. and Coal Co.**—The work

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(May, pg. 253).  
Cuba Railways.—Sir Wm. Van Horne, President of the Cuba Co., stated recently that about 250 miles of new lines will be built during the summer for the purpose of developing the resources of the Island. About 180 miles will be required to provide a connection with Havana. The House of Representatives has voted a subsidy of \$500,000, which is at the rate of \$6,000 per kilometer, for building a number of short railways. It has been left to the President of the Republic to decide which lines shall receive the subsidy, but it is said that most of the money will probably go to the Van Horne system. Protests have been filed by other companies, which claim they can build these lines without subsidies, and that the amount granted is excessive.

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