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### Cuba . . . (inset map of ports and harbors of West Indies)

**Stock#:** 101075  
**Map Maker:** Rand McNally & Company  
**Date:** 1911  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 12.5 x 8.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 125.00



#### Description:

Interesting map of Cuba shortly after the Spanish American War, highlighting its roads and railroads.

#### Cuba's Railroads in the Early 20th Century

The inclusion of 13 railroads in attests to Cuba's rapidly expanding railroad network during the early 20th century. At this time, the railroad system was crucial in connecting Cuba's primary ports with the interior, especially the agricultural zones.

The first decades of the 20th century witnessed significant investments in Cuba's rail infrastructure, driven by the booming sugar industry. Railroads facilitated the efficient transport of sugar cane to mills and ports, and the connectivity they provided helped integrate various regions of Cuba. Foreign investments, primarily American, played a vital role in the expansion and modernization of the rail system, making it one of the most extensive in Latin America.

#### Detailed Condition: