

## CUBAN REBELS ARE PLAGUING AND BURNING

Protest Made to Government of United States by Americans—Canadian Lost Property—Trouble in Oriente Province Largely Due to Negro Rebels.

New York, May 9.—Charges that Cuban negroes are burning and plaguing the homes and properties of Americans and other foreigners in the districts of Pinar del Rio, Bayamo and Miranda, Oriente province were made by twenty-four Americans and refugees who arrived here today. They predicted that there will be a massacre of the white residents remaining unless the United States intervenes, and asserted that the Cuban government is powerless to cope with the situation. Most of the refugees escaped with only the clothes they wore.

Signed By 116.

The accusations were substantiated by an appeal for aid signed by 116 Americans remaining in the territory occupied by the rebels.

The threat of a massacre is contained in the statement included in the appeal, alleged to have been written by General Blas Maso. The statement Maso said: "You will holler loudest and we will destroy until your hollering will be heard in Washington and force American intervention. For the time being we will not fight the government troops, and we will not kill you unless you oppose us. We are only fighting now with the torres, terrorizing and organizing. "But if Menocal does not step out May 20 we will fight and kill. We have 15,000 rebels in this province, all well armed and the whole province will become a wilderness. Your government can prevent this by intervention."

Canadian Talks.

Francis Drake, a Canadian, described his growing experience of himself, his wife and five children, ranging in age from 5 to 19. They were not permitted to land because of their destination, pending a disposition of their case by their consul. Drake was employed on a sugar plantation at Paso Estancia. "Although only 31 miles from Santiago," he said, "and certainly within reasonable range of military protection, we were defenceless. The rebels, who were secretly organizing long before the rebellion was begun swooped down on us and put our homes to the torch. We were driven from the plantation at the point of bayonets."

## ENORMOUS EARNINGS OF CANADA S. S. LINES

From Deficit of \$570,432  
Company Prospered Until  
it Had Surplus of \$1,848,225—Back Dividends Paid

Special to The Standard.  
Montreal, May 8.—Directors of the Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd. today wiped the slate clean of the last dividend of the company's \$12,500,000 preferred stock by declaring 5 1/4 per cent. distribution payable June 15th next, to shareholders of record June 1. The declaration takes care of all obligations to the preferred stockholders up to December 31, 1916. Under the policy adopted three years ago no dividend is declared in respect to any year's business until the accounts for that year have been closed. Today's action of the board therefore postpones any further declaration until some time in the latter part of January, or early part of February, 1918, when the board will consider the 7 per cent. distribution then due for year 1917.

The wiping out of dividend arrears has proceeded very rapidly. After making two quarterly distributions of 1 3/4 per cent. each in first half of 1914, the second being on June 1st of that year, no payment was made until May 1st, 1916, when a quarterly 1 3/4 per cent. was distributed. Two other dividends of 1 3/4 followed later in the year; then 7 per cent. was paid on March 1st, and now 5 1/4 per cent. is to be paid June 15. That is, after resetting no dividend for nearly two years, shareholders will have received on June 15th next a total of 17 1/2 per cent. in the course of 13 1/2 months.

No change in the fortunes of the company, more or less typical of the shipping business in the past eighteen months or so, is shown strikingly enough in this, that for the full year 1916 the company finished up with a deficit of \$151,091, after charges and a total deficit of \$552,132 after dividends, whereas in the past thirteen months it had been able to declare dividends totalling \$2,156,250, and add a large sum to surplus. Between December, 1914, and December, 1916 a deficit of \$570,432 in profit and loss account was converted into a surplus of \$1,848,225.

Unless some unexpected change comes over the shipping situation it is not unlikely current year's earnings should exceed the \$2,483,592 available for dividends in 1916, when the company earned 20 per cent. on preferred and 12 1/4 per cent. on common.

## WANTS A NEW BUILDING LAW FOR THE CITY

Commissioner McLellan Suggests Action Along That Line—Miss Parks Makes Generous Offer.

Commissioner McLellan brought up the matter of having a new building law for the city codified, at the council meeting yesterday morning. He pointed out the necessity for such action and asked the commissioners to consider ways and means of raising the necessary funds to undertake the work. It would require two men for the work and they would consult with the local architects and builders regarding local conditions and requirements.

The commissioner also announced that he would soon be in a position to recommend an electrical engineer but did not feel like doing so until the money was in sight to pay his salary. He knew of a man who would take the position at an initial salary of \$2,000 and he believed the receipts from inspection charges would provide sufficient funds to pay him.

The commissioner of finance and public affairs reported that payments for the month of April last amounted to the sum of \$104,855.71. He recommended the payment of the following departmental payments as certified by the comptroller:

Safety ..... \$1,739.72  
Water and sewerage ..... 2,628.16  
Public works ..... 931.47  
Harbors, Ferries and Public Lands ..... 3,734.14  
Treasury ..... 498.80

Report adopted.  
Com. Russell recommended the appointment of Andrew J. Muleahy, James McKimney and George Dunlavy as port wardens and that a renewal lease issue to I. S. Johnson Co., Incorporated of lot No. 964 Brooks ward, for seven years from the last day of May instant at \$18.70, being an increase of 10 per cent. on the present rental. Agreed.

The commissioner of public safety was authorized to purchase 160 yards of blue serge for firemen's uniforms from Manchester Robertson Allison Limited, at \$2.80 per yard.

A letter from teamsters asking for approval of new rates for team hire was referred to the committee of the whole. The teamsters request that approval be given of an increase of from \$5 to \$6 per day for double teams, and \$4 per day for single teams. A tariff for teamsters was set by law, but the rates now in force are said to be higher than the rates fixed upon.

In regard to Patrick McHale, teamster, who was employed twenty-seven years with the public works, and who is now ill, the council adopted a motion by Com. McLellan that Mr. McHale be given half pay until July 1st.

The council adopted a recommendation made by Com. Fisher concerning Section 3 of the "Business Restriction" bill and effected that the control of residential sections or areas, set apart by by-law under the proposed act, remain with the council.

Under the original draft of the bill, Section 3 provided that where a section or area was set apart as a residential unit, the council could not give permission for the erection of any building other than structures to be used as residences and the building inspector was limited to issuing permits for residences only. Section 3 now provides that by a vote of not less than four commissioners, the council may give permission for the erection in the residential section or areas of buildings which are to be used for business.

The mayor referred to the loss the city had sustained in the death of Uriah Drake, who had served the city for 45 years, and announced that in view of the probable adoption of the new assessment act the vacancy would not be filled at the present time.

He also announced that Miss Margaret Parks had placed at the disposal of the city about six acres of land in the rear of the Convalescent Home for the purpose of assisting in increased production and it was suggested that perhaps the returned soldiers would take over the cultivation of this plot.

## NEWFOUNDLAND FACES BIG FOOD SHORTAGE

Lack of Vessels Principal Cause of Serious Situation—Big Paper Mills Almost Idle—Coinage of Quarters.

The products of Newfoundland are selling for high prices and the sealing season has been a successful one, but still the situation in the colony is rather serious, according to N. McLintock of Duluth, Minn., who is in this city after completing work on an electric contract on the island.

The shipping shortage is the principal cause of the present difficulty Newfoundlanders find themselves in, and, as in many other parts of the world the food shortage is considerable. The colony imports its flour, vegetables and other supplies, its potatoes usually being brought from Prince Edward Island. At the present time it is almost impossible to charter vessels to engage in this trade.

The big paper mills at Grand Falls, controlled by Lord Northcliffe, own the situation of the London Times, are doing badly. In fact when Mr. McLintock left only one paper making machine was in operation. Steamers are needed to carry food supplies to the Allies and it is impossible to ship any large quantity of paper.

Mr. McLintock looks upon New-

# Hunt's Spring Clothing Sale BEGINS ON FRIDAY, MAY 11



A Great Clothing Event that Should Appeal to Every Man in St. John, also to Mothers Who Have Boys to Clothe.

TWO WEEKS OF BARGAIN GIVING THAT WILL OPEN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC.

On Friday Morning, at 9 o'clock, we inaugurate what should be the Greatest Clothing Sensation ever known in this city. This may sound big, It does—It's forcible language but we will back it up by delivering the merchandise.

We have proven in the past that we take no half way measures. We shall again demonstrate this fact more forcefully than ever on Friday and Saturday.

### MEN'S SUITS

at these prices, the buying of a Suit will be the most profitable Investment a man can make.					
Regular \$12.50 Suits	-----	Sale Price \$ 8.50	Regular 20.00 Suits	-----	Sale Price 15.50
Regular 15.00 Suits	-----	Sale Price 10.50	Regular 22.50 Suits	-----	Sale Price 16.50
Regular 16.50 and \$18.00 Suits	-----	Sale Price 12.50	Regular 25.00 Suits	-----	Sale Price 18.50
Regular \$18.00 Suits	-----	Sale Price 13.50	Regular \$25, \$28 Suits	-----	Sale Price 20.00

Men's \$20.00 Blue and Black Serge Suits only \$16.95. These are real good suits, nicely made in Young Men's and Older Men's Styles and cannot be duplicated less than \$20. Come and Get one at \$16.95.

Men's \$18.00 Spring Overcoats on sale at \$14.35—This Season's goods in dark grey, plain black and dark mixed goods, all sizes Regular \$18.00 --- Sale Price \$14.35

### MEN'S PANTS.

Regular \$2.25 Pants	-----	Sale Price \$1.89
Regular 3.00 Pants	-----	Sale Price 2.39
Regular 3.50 Pants	-----	Sale Price 2.89
Regular 4.00 Pants	-----	Sale Price 3.39

Bargains in Men's Raincoats, and you need one now—

Regular \$10 Paramatta Coats,	-----	Sale Price \$6.50
Regular \$12 Paramatta Coats,	-----	Sale Price 8.50
Warranted Waterproof.		

A Table of Men's Overalls and Jumpers, Regular \$1.50 Goods --- While they last 98c.

### BOYS' SUITS.

"Norfolk" and "Pinch Back" Styles with Full Bloomers—ages 7 to 16 years.  
Regular \$5.50 Suits --- Sale Price \$4.29  
Regular 6.00 Suits --- Sale Price 4.69  
Regular 6.50 Suits --- Sale Price 5.19  
Regular 7.00 Suits --- Sale Price 5.59  
Regular 7.50 Suits --- Sale Price 6.19  
Regular 8.00 Suits --- Sale Price 6.59

Special in Boys' Brown Corduroy Suits, Very Popular, All sizes, Only \$6.39.

Boys' Khaki Soldier Suits, Tunic, Breeches, Cap and Puttees, Regular \$3.50 and \$4.50 to clear \$1.75.

A Lot of Boys' Light Grey Homespun Suits on Sale at \$2.75.

### - WASH VESTS.

Regular \$1.50 to \$2.00 Wash Vests	-----	Sale Price 75c.
Regular \$2.50 to \$3.00 Wash Vests	-----	Sale Price 1.00

Hunt's never do things in a half-hearted way but in a determined and strenuous manner—when we have a sale it is a sale and these values will prove it.

### BOYS' PANTS.

Great Value in Boys' Tweed and Corduroy Bloomers, Regular \$1.50, Sale price \$1.15 Pair.

We want to reach every man in St. John not only to tell him how good our clothes are—but how little money it takes to get them at this sale.

### CHILDREN'S REEFERS

Ages 4 to 8 Years.  
Regular \$5.00 Navy Serge Reefers --- Sale Price \$3.98  
Regular \$6.00 Navy Serge Reefers --- Sale Price \$4.69  
Regular \$5.50 Khaki Reefers, Sale Price \$3.98  
Regular 6.50 Khaki Reefers, Sale Price 4.98

We make the prices and the prices make business, that's what we want—your business.

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY THURSDAY TO PREPARE FOR SALE

### SHIRTS.

Men's Soft Colored Shirts, Regular 85c. and \$1.00, Sale price ..... 55c.  
Men's Fine Negligee Shirts, Regular \$1.50, Sale price ..... 85c.  
Men's White Stiff Front Shirts, Regular \$1.25, Sale price ..... 49c.  
Men's Duck Working Shirts, Regular 75c. Sale price ..... 49c.  
Boys' Soft Colored Shirts, Regular 65c. Sale price ..... 44c.  
Regular \$1.10 Grey Flannellette Shirts, Sale price ..... 85c.

### NIGHTSHIRTS.

Regular \$1.10 White, Twill Cotton Night Shirts, Sale price ..... 85c.

### UNDERWEAR.

Men's Natural Balbriggan Union Suits, Regular \$1.00, Sale price, ..... 69c.  
Men's Fine White Egyptian Union Suits, Regular \$1.50, Sale price 98c.  
Men's Fine Merino Shirts and Drawers, Regular 65c. Sale price ..... 49c.  
200 Dozen Linen Collars at 75c. Dozen  
Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 goods.  
100 Pairs of LOW SHOES at \$2.75 a pair. Regular \$4.50 and \$5.00 last year and worth up to \$6.50 today. Only \$2.75.

### WORKING GLOVES.

Regular 85c. and \$1.00 Leather Gloves. Sale price ..... 69c.

### HOSIERY.

Regular 25c. Grey Socks, Sale price 18c.  
Regular 30c. Black and Natural Sox. Sale price ..... 23c.  
Regular 35c. Heavy Grey Socks, Sale price ..... 23c.  
Regular 40c. Black Cashmere Socks. Sale price ..... 29c.  
Regular 35c. Black Stockings for Boys. Sale price ..... 23c.

### CAPS.

A lot of Broken in assorted sizes On Sale at 60c. Regular 75c. to \$1.50.  
Regular \$1.25 Spring Caps. Sale price ..... 88c.

### NECKWEAR.

Regular 35c. Colored Silk Ties. Sale price ..... 23c.  
Regular 75c. and \$1.00 Colored Silk Ties. Sale price ..... 59c.  
Work Ties On Sale 3 for 25c.

### NEW SOFT HATS.

Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 Soft Hats in the Newest Shapes and Colors. Your Choice \$1.89.

### CHILDREN'S HATS.

Regular 85c. and \$1.00. Fancy Hats. Sale price ..... 59c.  
Regular \$1.00 Fancy Hats. Sale price ..... 79c.

Prices are Plain Facts, but it is hard to carry quality into this "ad". Your eyes can tell you better than our words. Come on Friday and see.

No Goods on Approval, Alterations free, Goods willingly exchanged after sale or money refunded. Every facility for quick service; lots of room; lots of mirrors and extra salespeople. Everything that will make quick and efficient showing of the merchandise possible.

## Hunt's Busy Up-Town Clothing Store 17-19 Charlotte Street

foundland as a place of boundless possibilities. The country is rich in the forest and mineral wealth, in addition to its famous fisheries. Big game abounds and the fishing is in inland streams and is among the choicest in the world. He did not find the climate as cold as in Minnesota.

For the first time in fifty years 25-cent pieces have been placed in circulation in Newfoundland. The colony hitherto has coined 20-cent pieces.

### MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE MAY RAISE COMMISSION.

Special to The Standard.  
Montreal, May 8.—Should the Montreal Stock Exchange vote on Friday in favor of a flat 1-4 per cent. commission to all brokers and the public alike, one sequel might be the opening of branch offices of Montreal firms at Toronto.

Hitherto, with the commission between Toronto and Montreal brokers 1-8 there has been no advantage in a

Toronto firm opening here or a Montreal firm opening in Toronto. The situation would be different if the commission rate were advanced to 1-4 per cent. Stock bought for a Toronto client in Montreal would entail a minimum cost of 3-8 in commissions, unless the Toronto broker was doing business for nothing, whereas the same business could be executed by a Montreal branch office in Toronto at 1-4.

### MONEY IN SMALLER SUPPLY IN THE LONDON MARKET

Special to The Standard.  
London, May 8.—Money is in smaller supply. The stock market maintains a steady undertone with a sustained investment demand for the war loans, colonials, exchequer bonds

and oil shares which tend against buyers. Home rails and Grand Trunk suffered on realizing but Mexican and American securities developed firmness on American advances.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:  
St. John County.  
Mary J. Swift, of E. J. Broderick, to W. J. Swanton, property in Waterville street.  
Fenton L. and B. Co., Ltd., to A. W. French, property in Lancaster.  
John Henderson to T. O. Dales, property corner Duke and Carmarthen streets.  
Amelia K. Lester to A. Martina, wife of L. J. McDonald, property in Exmouth street.  
Extras of David O'Connell to Mary

J., wife of E. J. Broderick, property in Waterville street.  
Union Investments, Ltd., per master of Supreme Court do Extra, of J. D. Fowler, property in City road.  
Elizabeth A., and M. G. White, to Josephine, wife of A. C. Smalley, property in Germain street.  
Kings County.  
Mary F. Driscoll to J. D. Driscoll, property in Westfield.  
Elizabeth Fleming to W. M. Fleming, property in Rothesay.  
W. M. Fleming to W. S. Allison, property in Rothesay.  
Cecilia F. Frost to W. D. Baizley, property in Hampton.  
J. S. MacKay, to Grace Fairweather, property in Hampton.  
Arthur Powe to E. W. Almon, property in Kars.  
Hazel L. Walker to George Walpert, property in Sussex.  
Lucy A. Whelpley to J. W. Whelpley, property in Westfield.  
William Whelan to Elvira Orr, property in Sussex.

E. J. Williams to George Hennessey, property in Kingston.

Insurance \$3,500.

Rev. J. J. McDermott, Sussex, had a policy for \$3,500 in Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., St. John, Mr. Wm. M. Jarvis, agent, on St. Michael's church, White's Mountain, Kings county. The edifice which was destroyed by fire on Friday afternoon was worth about \$7,000.

## D. D. D.

The Liquid Wash for Skin Disease. We have witnessed such remarkable cures with this soothing wash of oils that we offer you a bottle on the guarantee that unless it does the same for you, it costs you not a cent.  
B. Clinton Brown, Druggist, St. John, N. B.

SNOW



not compete with big advertisements. Our small advertisements will get you the gist of what to do and where to get it. The most indispensable—the Spring Overcoat—ready for service. The comfortable and slip-on, \$12.50 to \$15.00. New ones of Scotch unopened Saturday, Century Brand and

ur's, 68 King St.

DIED.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.

in this city on the 8th inst., Paul street. Mrs. Sarah Rice is visiting friends in N. S.