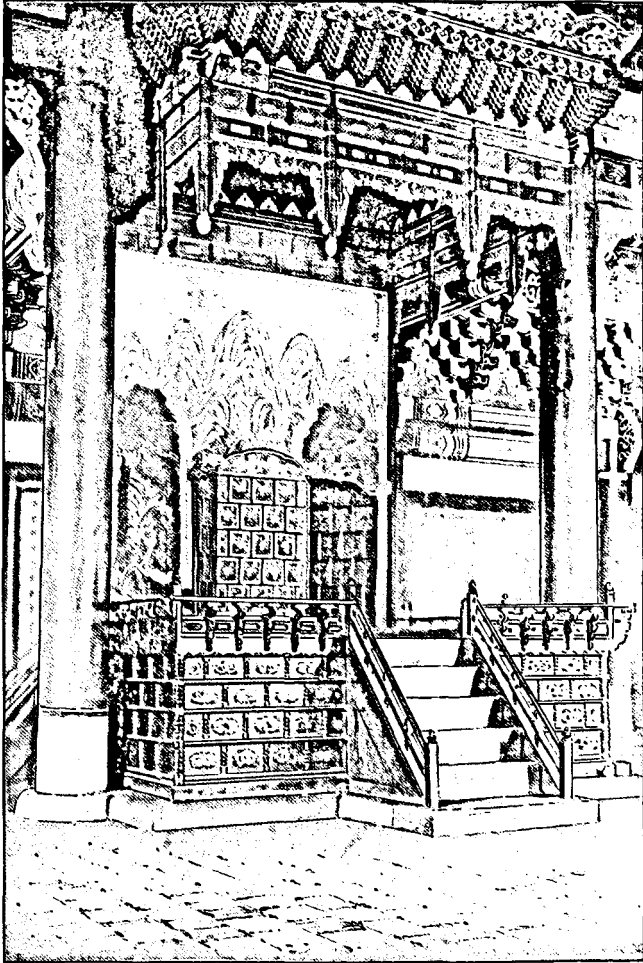


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### THE KOREAN FRONTIER

THE chief object of my visit to Russian Manchuria was to settle for myself by personal investigation the vexed question of the condition of those Koreans who have found shelter under the Russian flag, a number estimated in Seoul at 20,000. It was there persistently said that Russia was banishing them in large numbers, and that several thousands of them had already recrossed the Tumen, and were in such poverty that the King of Korea had sent agents to the north who were to settle them on lands in Ham-gyöng Do.

In Wladivostok the servant-interpreter difficulty was absolutely insurmountable. No efforts on the part of my friends could obtain what did not exist, and I was on the verge of giving up what proved a very interesting journey, when the Director of the Siberian Telegraph Lines very kindly liberated the senior official in his department, who had not had a holiday for many years, to go with me. Mr. Heidemann, a German from the Baltic provinces, spoke German, Russian, and English with nearly equal ease, and as a Russian official was able to make things smoother than

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MISSION STATISTICS

NAME OF MISSION.	Year of beginning work in Korea.	Number of married male Missionaries.	Number of unmarried male Missionaries.	Number of unmarried female Missionaries.	Number of stations where Missionaries reside.	Number of out stations where no Missionaries reside.	Number of organised churches.	Number of churches wholly self-supporting.	Number of churches partially self-supporting.	Number of communicants received during past year.	Number of catechumens or probationers received during past year.	Number dismissed during past year.	Number of deaths during past year.	Present membership.
American Presbyterian Mission (North)	1884	11	2	5	4	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Presbyterian Mission (South)	1892	4	2	2	3	...	13	8	5	210	635	3	2	510
Australian Presbyterian Mission . . .	1891	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Y.M.C.A. Mission of Canada . . . .	1889	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Meth. Epis. Mission (North) . .	1885	8	7	7	4	4	7	...	7	57	588	...	2	266
American Meth. Epis. Mission (South) . .	1896	1												
Ella Thing Memorial Mission (Baptist) .	1895	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel	1890	...	9	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Société des Missions-Étrangères . . .	1784	...	26	8	19	466	18	...	...	1250	...	...	515	28,802

\* Besides much in labour and in contributions for support of native evangelists



## APPENDIX B

## DIRECT FOREIGN TRADE OF KOREA, 1886-96

(i.e. net value of foreign goods imported in foreign, or foreign-type, vessels into the Treaty Ports, and taken cognisance of by the foreign Customs; and of native goods similarly exported and re-exported from the Treaty Ports to foreign countries.)

Year.	Net Imports of Foreign Goods (i.e. exclusive of Foreign Goods re-exported to Foreign Countries).	Exports and Re-exports <sup>1</sup> of Native Goods to Foreign Countries.	Total.
1886	\$2,474,185	\$504,225	\$2,978,410
1887	2,815,441	804,996	3,620,437
1888	3,046,443	867,058	3,913,501
1889	3,377,815	1,233,841	4,611,656
1890	4,727,839	3,550,478	8,278,317
1891	5,256,468	3,366,344	8,622,812
1892	4,598,485	2,443,739	7,042,224
1893	3,880,155	1,698,116	5,578,271
1894	5,831,563	2,311,215	8,142,778
1895	3,088,213	2,431,808	10,570,021
1896	6,531,324	4,728,700	11,260,024

*Note.*—The increase in the foreign trade of Korea between 1886 and 1896 may not have been so great as the above figures without explanation would imply. It is generally stated that side by side with the trade in foreign vessels at the Treaty Ports a considerable traffic has been carried on by junk between non-Treaty ports in Korea and ports in China and Japan. This junk trade was probably much larger in the earlier years of the period the figures of which are compared, and the rapid development shown in the table may be partly due to the increasing transfer of traffic from native craft to foreign-type vessels which offer greater regularity and safety and less delay.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. including native goods imported from another Korean port and re-exported to a foreign country.



COMPARATIVE TABLE OF THE NET DUES AND DUTIES COLLECTED  
AT THE THREE PORTS FOR THE YEARS 1884-96

Year.	Import Duties.	Export Duties.	Tonnage Dues.	Total.
1884	\$79,373·71	\$19,234·74	\$3,478·19	\$102,086·64
1885	119,364·41	19,602·22	2,996·90	141,963·53
1886	132,757·12	24,812·11	2,708·75	160,277·98
1887	203,271·68	40,384·52	3,045·12	246,701·32
1888	219,759·81	43,330·62	4,124·55	267,214·98
1889	213,457·49	61,835·23	4,707·04	279,999·76
1890	327,460·11	178,552·14	8,587·90	514,600·15
1891	372,022·07	168,096·36	8,940·26	549,058·69
1892	308,954·13	123,212·24	6,247·05	438,413·42
1893	282,679·28	85,720·22	5,717·16	354,116·66
1894	357,828·34	115,779·33	7,398·64	481,006·31
1895	601,588·06	124,261·22	15,448·20	741,297·48
1896	448,137·16	226,342·45	17,304·75	691,784·36

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE JAPANESE AND NON-JAPANESE COTTON  
GOODS IMPORTED INTO KOREA DURING THE YEAR 1896.

Description.	Classi- fication of Quan- tity.	Japanese.		Non-Japanese.		Total.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Shirtings—Gray			\$		\$		\$
Plain	Pieces	6,715	23,660	428,911	1,567,967	435,626	1,591,627
Shirtings—White	"	31	121	5,445	21,768	5,476	21,889
T-Cloths	"	1,211	2,719	1,660	4,177	2,871	6,896
Drills	"	631	634	11,583	47,998	11,746	48,632
Turkey-Red Cloths	"	1,652	3,663	7,519	17,349	9,171	21,012
Sheetings	"	30,184	115,914	14,793	58,455	44,977	174,369
Cotton Flannel	"	762	2,870	1,432	3,927	2,194	6,797
Cotton Blankets	Pairs	1,625	3,883			1,625	3,883
Cotton Yarn and Thread	Piculs	12,821	368,064	1,795	71,386	14,616	439,450
	Value		521,528		1,793,027		2,314,555
Cotton Goods, Un- classified	"	1	644,671		379,319		1,023,990
Total	Value		1,166,199		2,172,346		3,338,545

1 Chiefly narrow-width cloth, gray or white, checked or plain. 2 Including \$2,549 Chinese Cottons.

## APPENDIX C

RETURN of Principal Articles of Export (net) to Foreign Countries for the Years 1896-95.

Articles.	Chemulpo.		Fusan.		Wön-san.	
	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.
Beans . . . . .	£48,485	£45,679	£65,731	£22,337	£24,132	£32,049
Fish (dried manure) . . . . .	..	..	4,296	639	4,394	312
Cow-hides . . . . .	8,789	14,036	11,077	37,225	4,424	6,152
Ginseng . . . . .	29,739	575	..	..	..	..
Paper . . . . .	2,326	1,785	1,806	2,236	24	9
Rice . . . . .	92,444	62,390	178,852	17,646	549	..
Seaweed . . . . .	55	40	6,705	3,309	..	..
Sundries . . . . .	12,713	8,992	13,638	9,361	2,101	3,590
Total . . . . .	£194,651	£193,497	£282,100	£93,258	£35,624	£42,112

Total Exports from Korea	1896.		1895.	
	Currency.	Sterling.	Currency.	Sterling.
	₩4,728,700	£512,275	₩2,481,808	£268,862

RETURN of Principal Articles of Foreign Import (net: i.e. excluding Re-exports) to Open Ports of Korea during the Years 1896-95.

Articles.	Chemulpo.		Fusan.		Wön-san.	
	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.
Cotton goods—						
Shirtings . . . . .	£103,196	£172,549	£51,920	£54,911	£21,982	£55,190
Lawns and muslins . .	6,956	11,554	10,670	8,183	1,072	2,066
Sheetings—						
Japanese . . . . .	12,508	7,199	..	..	40	1,330
English and American	6,736	8,594	..	..	23	4,500
Japanese piece-goods . .	14,015	20,129	24,944	19,432	30,867	38,608
Yarn—						
Japanese . . . . .	27,271	26,098	11,018	3,866	1,590	3,483
English and Indian . .	5,634	4,876	222	..	1,871	4,364
Other cottons . . . . .	14,304	29,065	6,363	4,836	8,732	15,125
Total . . . . .	£190,350	£280,064	£105,137	£91,238	£66,177	£124,666
Woollens . . . . .	3,266	4,933	578	884	182	333
Metals . . . . .	7,172	8,620	15,253	10,342	7,690	6,217
Sundries—						
Dyes . . . . .	4,818	10,794	2,363	3,084	777	1,667
Grass-cloths . . . . .	2,358	13,641	3,546	1,402	2,241	3,154
Matches . . . . .	4,798	3,575	4,571	3,348	2,018	1,680
Kerosene oil—						
American . . . . .	20,035	9,819	9,560	7,479	6,463	3,990
Russian . . . . .	9,312	457	4,513	478	69	1
Provisions . . . . .	5,717	3,859	2,358	2,024	381	
Baké . . . . .	3,018	9,639	2,972	2,818	1,203	1,176
Silk piece goods . . . .	28,943	65,057	8,167	5,606	4,058	12,848
Other articles . . . . .	89,417	111,902	50,828	38,359	26,241	30,884
Total . . . . .	£181,415	£228,743	£88,878	£65,098	£43,451	£55,400
Grand total . . . . .	£382,203	£522,360	£209,846	£167,562	£117,500	£186,616
Less excess of re-exports over imports in some articles . . . . .	1,088	596	..	..	..	126
Net total . . . . .	£381,115	£521,764	£209,846	£167,562	£117,500	£186,490

	1896.		1895.	
	Currency.	Sterling.	Currency.	Sterling.
Total for Korea . . . . .	\$6,539,630 <sup>1</sup>	£708,461	\$8,084,465 <sup>1</sup>	£875,816

<sup>1</sup> 1 dol. = 2s. 2d.

## RETURN of all Shipping Vessels Entered at the Open Ports of Korea during the Year 1896.

Nationality.	Chemulpo.				Fusan.				Wön-san.				Korea.	
	Sailing.		Steam.		Sailing.		Steam.		Sailing.		Steam.		Total.	
	No. of Vessels.	Tons.	No. of Vessels.	Tons.	No. of Vessels.	Tons.	No. of Vessels.	Tons.	No. of Vessels.	Tons.	No. of Vessels.	Tons.	No. of Vessels.	Tons.
American . . .	2	158	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	188
British . . .	..	..	3	8,881	..	..	5	50,85	..	..	5	5,685	13	14,651
Chinese . . .	56	557	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	557
German . . .	..	..	1	808	..	..	5	47,92	..	..	4	8,612	10	9,152
Japanese . . .	807	10,278	154	118,145	587	17,085	292	210,645	41	8,227	58	65,654	1,889	424,984
Norwegian . . .	..	..	2	1,082	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1,082
Russian . . .	..	..	2	2,202	..	..	18	10,881	..	..	10	10,234	25	22,817
Korean . . .	111	8,572	51	10,876	9	500	16	5,900	8	572	28	4,840	228	25,759
Total . . .	476	14,565	218	195,908	546	17,585	991	287,298	49	8,799	105	89,975	1,720	499,160
„ for 1895	581	14,449	242	108,021	497	14,800	272	180,784	61	5,029	98	68,547	1,696	408,180

## APPENDIX D

The Foreign Population of the three Korean Treaty Ports was as follows in January 1897 :—

	Chemulpo Settlement.
Japanese . . . . .	3904
Chinese . . . . .	404
British . . . . .	15
German . . . . .	12
American . . . . .	7
French . . . . .	7
Norwegian . . . . .	3
Greek . . . . .	3
Italian . . . . .	1
Portuguese . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	4357
Estimated native population . . . . .	6756

	Fusan Settlement.
Japanese . . . . .	5508
Chinese . . . . .	34
British . . . . .	10
American . . . . .	7
German . . . . .	2
Danish . . . . .	1
French . . . . .	1
Italian . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	5564

Estimated native population of Fusan City and  
the Prefecture of Tung-nai . . . . . 33,000

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	Wön-san Settlement
Japanese . . . . .	1299
Chinese . . . . .	39
American . . . . .	8
German . . . . .	3
British . . . . .	2
French . . . . .	2
Russian . . . . .	2
Danish . . . . .	1
Norwegian . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	1,357
Estimated native population . . . . .	15,000

## APPENDIX E

TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA, WITH REPLY OF H.E. THE  
KOREAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

## TRANSLATION

*Memorandum*

The Representatives of Russia and Japan at Seoul, having conferred under the identical instructions from their respective Governments, have arrived at the following conclusions :—

While leaving the matter of His Majesty's, the King of Korea, return to the Palace entirely to his own discretion and judgment, the Representatives of Russia and Japan will friendly advise His Majesty to return to that place, when no doubts could be entertained concerning his safety.

The Japanese Representative, on his part, gives the assurance, that the most complete and effective measures will be taken for the control of Japanese *soshi*.

The present Cabinet Ministers have been appointed by His Majesty by his own free will, and most of them have held ministerial or other high offices during the last two years and are known to be liberal and moderate men.

The two Representatives will always aim at recommending His Majesty to appoint liberal and moderate men as Ministers, and to show clemency to his subjects.

The Representative of Russia quite agrees with the Representative of Japan that at the present state of affairs in Korea it may be necessary to have Japanese guards stationed at some places for the protection of the Japanese telegraph line between Fusan and Seoul, and that these guards, now consisting of three companies of soldiers, should be withdrawn as soon as possible and replaced by gendarmes who will be distributed as follows : fifty men at Fusan, fifty men at Ka-heung, and ten men each at ten intermediate posts between Fusan and Seoul.

This distribution may be liable to some changes, but the total number of the gendarme force shall never exceed two hundred men, who will afterwards gradually be withdrawn from such places, where peace and order have been restored by the Korean Government.

For the protection of the Japanese settlements at Seoul and the open ports against possible attacks by the Korean populace, two companies of Japanese troops may be stationed at Seoul, one company at Fusan and one at Wön-san, each company not to exceed two hundred men. These troops will be quartered near the settlements, and shall be withdrawn as soon as no apprehension of such attacks could be entertained.

For the protection of the Russian Legation and Consulates the Russian Government may also keep guards not exceeding the number of Japanese troops at those places, and which will be withdrawn as soon as tranquillity in the interior is completely restored.

(Signed)

C. WAEBER,  
*Representative of Russia.*

J. KOMURA,  
*Representative of Japan.*

SEOUL, 14th May 1896.

*Protocol*

The Secretary of State, Prince Lobanow-Rostovsky, Foreign Minister of Russia, and the Marshal Marquis Yamagata, Ambassador Extraordinary of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, having exchanged their views on the situation of Korea, agreed upon the following articles :—

I

For the remedy of the financial difficulties of Korea, the Governments of Russia and Japan will advise the Korean Government to retrench all superfluous expenditure, and to establish a balance between expenses and revenues. If, in consequence of reforms deemed indispensable, it may be necessary to have recourse to foreign loans, both Governments shall by mutual consent give their support to Korea.



## II

The Governments of Russia and Japan shall endeavour to leave to Korea, as far as the financial and economical situation of that country will permit, the formation and maintenance of a national armed force and police of such proportions as will be sufficient for the preservation of the internal peace, without foreign support.

## III

With a view to facilitate communications with Korea, the Japanese Government may continue (*continuera*) to administer the telegraph lines which are at present in its hands.

It is reserved to Russia (the rights) of building a telegraph line between Seoul and her frontiers.

These different lines can be repurchased by the Korean Government, so soon as it has the means to do so.

## IV

In case the above matters should require a more exact or detailed explanation, or if subsequently some other points should present themselves upon which it may be necessary to confer, the Representatives of both Governments shall be authorised to negotiate in a spirit of friendship.

(Signed) LOBANOW.  
YAMAGATA.

Moscow, 9th June 1896.

The following is the exact translation of the reply sent to the Japanese Minister by the Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs, concerning the Russo-Japanese Convention :—

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
Mar. 9th, 2nd year of *Kun-yang* (1897).

Sir—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 2nd instant, informing me that, on the 14th day of May last, a memorandum was signed at Seoul by H.E. Mr. Komura, the former Japanese Minister Resident, and the Russian Minister, and that, on the 4th of June of the same year, an Agreement was signed at Moscow, by H.E. Marshal Yamagata, the Japanese

Ambassador, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Russia; and that these two documents have been laid publicly before the Imperial Diet. You further inform me that on the 26th ultimo you received a telegram from your Government, pointing out that the above-mentioned Agreement and Memorandum in no way reflect upon, but, on the contrary, are meant to strengthen, the independence of Korea,—this being the object which the Governments of Japan and Russia had in view,—and you cherish the confident hope that my Government will not fail to appreciate this intention. In accordance with telegraphic instructions received from the Imperial Minister of Foreign Affairs you enclose copies of the Agreements referred to.

I beg to express my sincere thanks for your despatch and the information it conveys. I would observe, however, that as my Government has not joined in concluding these two Agreements, its freedom of action as an independent Power cannot be restricted by their provisions.—I have, etc,

(Signed)

YE WANYONG,  
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