

America he severed his connections with this company, and established his own Patent Office.

Mr. Watanabe has a profound knowledge of all branches of technology and patent and trade mark laws, of all countries, both in the East and West; he has also had ample experience in all departments of the business, having handled by far the greatest number of foreign cases in this country. He is well known in Japan as well as overseas as a competent and able man. He can supply reports and give advice on all matters relating to patent and trade mark cases which could not be had from any other in the profession.

Many connections have been established by Mr. Watanabe in America and Europe, and investigations into any intricate cases in which foreign interests are involved can be easily conducted, to the entire satisfaction of clients.

The facts are well testified to by the increasing number of foreign cases entrusted to him.



MR. K. WATANABE.

YAMANAKA GOMEI KAISHA. (YAMANAKA & CO.)

THIS firm, which is one of the largest and most enterprising dealers in Japanese and Chinese works of art and curios modern and ancient in Japan, keeps a

Kichirobei Yamauaka. At this gallery the firm's overseas operations are mostly managed, while the Osaka Branch Office, which is situated at 2-chome, Kitahama, Osaka, and



MANUFACTURES IN THE GARDEN OF THE YAMANAKA ART GALLERY.

complete art gallery at Awata, Kyoto, which is the headquarters of the firm and managed by Mr. Matsujiro Yamanaka under the general supervision of his father, Mr.

managed by Mr. Kichirobei Yamanaka, carries on domestic business.

The firm's overseas business is expanding year by year,

because the firm is highly reliable in business dealings and prompt in delivery. At present the firm has branch offices at No. 254, Fifth Avenue, New York; No. 127, New Bond

Street, London; and No. 456, Boylston Street, Boston, through which good connections are kept up with every quarter of the world.

MR. YAMASHITA KAMESABURO.

(MR. K. YAMASHITA AND HIS ENTERPRISES.)

MR. YAMASHITA, KAMESABURO, was born in Ehime prefecture in 1867. After receiving his early education in his native prefecture, he came to Yokohama, and commenced a wholesale business in coal. During the Russo-Japanese war he purchased two steamers and started an irregular service in Eastern waters.



MR. K. YAMASHITA.

At first he was confronted with many difficulties, but he always overcame them. When the present war in Europe commenced he realized a prodigious profit by dealing in old vessels and chartering business. He, with ¥20,000,000, easily ranks among the shipping kings.

The most important of his many enterprises is the Yamashita Steamship Co., of which he is the President. The company's fleet consists of the following vessels:—

	Tons.
<i>Teikoku Maru</i>	7,000
<i>Kisakata Maru III.</i>	4,000
<i>Buyo Maru</i>	4,200
<i>Bushu Maru</i>	4,100
<i>Asahi Maru</i>	4,100

	Tons.
<i>Toyotomi Maru</i>	3,500
<i>Skoka Maru</i>	3,300
<i>Akebono Maru</i>	3,600
<i>Doyo Maru</i>	3,100
<i>Sodegaura Maru</i>	1,800
<i>Tomashima Maru</i>	2,300

A steamer of 9,000 tons is now in course of construction at a domestic yard, with two other vessels of 6,500 tons each. When these ships are completed the company's fleet, including chartered steamers, amounts to 25 vessels, with a combined tonnage of 100,000 tons.

The company's head office is at Kitajima-cho, Nihonbashi-ku, Tokyo, with branch offices at Kobe, Yokohama, and Moji, and agencies at London, New York, Sydney, Shanghai, Hongkong, San Francisco, and other ports.

With offices and agencies at these ports, the fleet operates actively in Europe, America, Australia, and other parts of the world, and the company is justly called one of the greatest tramp owners in Japan. As a side line the company has recently opened a special department dealing in the insurance of hulls, the sale of ships, and the chartering of ships, acting as brokers between Japanese ship-owners and foreign clients. Several representatives have been despatched to the principal ports of the world, since the outbreak of the war, to enlarge the business. Marine insurance dealings arranged through the mediation of this department amounts to ¥100,000,000.

The Yamashita Coal Mining Co. and the Hombetsu Coal Mining Co., are joint-stock companies in the eye of the law, but they are actually controlled by Mr. Yamashita. The former, with the head office at Hon-Hatchobori, Kyobashi-ku, Tokyo, and branch offices at Yokohama, Osaka, Moji, Wakamatsu, Otaru, Muroran, and Hakodate, works a large mine in Kyushu, and the output is sold at these offices. The latter, which works a mine at Hombetsu, Hokkaido, has its head office at Kitajima-cho, Nihonbashi-ku, Tokyo.

The annual output of coal at the mines of the combined companies amounts to 800,000 ton. At the home ports coal depots are established, to supply both foreign and domestic vessels entering or clearing these ports. The coal produced by these companies is sold to San Francisco, Singapore, and British India.