

"Where to go" is the perplexing question where there is such embarrassment of riches and the time is limited. Fortunately, the visitor to the August Convention will be spared the necessity of choosing, for he will have the benefit of a carefully planned program in the hands of men who thoroughly know the local ropes.

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IODINE IN JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

Crude iodine is produced all along the seacoast of Japan proper, principally in the Prefectures of Chiba, Miye, Kanagawa, Ibaraki, Shidzuoka, and Hokkaido. It is manufactured from a seaweed that is found in great abundance along the southern coast of Japan. The industry is carried on in a small way by numerous individuals and factories. The chief factory is situated at Hayama, near Dzushi, about twenty miles from Yokohama. The subscribed capital of this company is \$17,500.

No statistics of production are available, but the customs returns for 1912 show that 22,772 pounds, valued at \$44,979, were exported to foreign countries in that year, principally to Great Britain, Germany, Hongkong, and Belgium, in the order named. Buyers and commission merchants or their agents go to the manufacturing districts and buy what they can for the exporters in Yokohama and Osaka.

In a report published in December, 1910, it was stated that plans were being made to open a factory at Olga Bay for the manufacture of iodine from the iodine-bearing seaweed to be had in great quantities in that region. The project was dropped and no such factory has ever been built in the district. A Russian firm made experiments and found that iodine exists in commercial quantities in the seaweed. It is said that this concern sold out whatever interest it may have had to a German chemical company that wished to limit competition.

It is understood that in Japan the peasants burn iodine-bearing plants and ship the ashes to Europe. In the Russian Far East this is not done, as the Russian peasants do not understand the proper method of burning the plants and saving the ashes.

Iodine plants grow about Possiet Bay, Expedition Bay, Olga Bay, and other bays in the vicinity. There is a strong odor of iodine in the atmosphere about Expedition Bay, where a sanatorium has been established for sick soldiers, who sleep on beds filled with iodine plants until they are convalescent. As Expedition Bay is not included in the Russo-Japanese fishing convention of 1907, only Russian subjects can work there.—*Daily Consular and Trade Reports.*