

ladies are very ably represented by her at all public functions both in Montreal and in Ottawa. Madame Nossé is the only daughter of Viscount Kusumoto, a great statesman, who is too well known in Japan to make any comments upon him necessary from this side of the Pacific.



Japanese Railways.

Railways now connect all the principal cities in Japan, and there are more than three thousand miles in operation, with many branch lines in course of construction, under both state and private ownership. The first lines were built, equipped and managed by English engineers, but all the railway employees are now Japanese. Sleeping cars and dining cars are used on the main lines.



Japanese Proverbs.

Below are given only a few of the most familiar Japanese proverbs. "Lest some think the Japanese plagiarize from us, or lest some 'resemblance-monger' should catch a few to put in his 'Index Rerum,' or familiar quotations, I would remark," writes Dr. Griffis, in his book, "The Mikado's Empire," "that apparently, many of these proverbs were current in Japan before Cæsar was born or America discovered."

For what is impossible, the following expressions are used :

To build a bridge to the clouds.

To throw a stone at the sun.

To dry up the ocean with the hand.

Like our "No rose without a thorn," is their

There 's a thorn on the rose.

The universal reverence of youth for age is enjoined in this :

Regard an old man as thy father.

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