

There is also an enormous demand for coal, for household & steam purposes, & also anthracite to a moderate amount.

We are practically dependent upon Japan for coal, & it is very poor, dirty, soft stuff, probably because it comes from a volcanic country. Some day China may supply her own needs, as she possesses an ample supply, but that day appears to be a long way off.

The lumber trade might be worked up to very large proportions.

Flour is becoming largely used in China, & its use for food is increasing in this country. The American Mills have a practical monopoly, though Australia sends some, and the mills at Harbin in Manchuria may someday have a considerable amount to send elsewhere.

Canned goods, especially fruit, if good, & moderate in price, would obtain a ready sale on a large scale.

There are doubtless other things, but these may be enough to mention at present. I will not attempt to say anything as regards the possibilities in connection with return cargoes.

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Sincerely yours, H. V. Drummond.