

Nome, Alaska. Jan 26m, 1916

Mr. W. T. Lopp,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir :

I attach herewith Dr Nichols reply to my letter of Dec. 13 ( a copy of which was sent you) in regard to the grade of coal received from Wainwright. You will note that the Doctor, as he always does, had made a very through and painstaking report.

It would seem that while some of the sacks of "rubbish coal" got in with the Wainwright coal yet its condition was due to the grade of coal not to any mistake on the ship.

As I have already written, I find it hard to believe that the Wainwright coal disintegrates so fast as all I have seen was very hard. I have no doubt that it is not of the very best grade, but some have told me that it was better than the Lisbourn coal. By the way, the owner of the Lisbourn mine has done a lot of talking about the low grade of the Wainwright coal in comparison with his. All the same Charlie Mackintosh is a fine fellow!

By the way, Rank informs me that the Arctic is to go to Wainwright early next summer and that he plans to bring a load of the W coal to Nome for sale. As far as I know there is no reason why he can not get the coal from the natives.

Very truly yours

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