

feet by short ropes about six feet in length. Salt herring are generally used to bait the traps.

When the fisherman wishes to pull his traps he goes to the buoy and pulls on the buoy line until he gets the back line to the surface of the water. He then passes the back line over the roller in the bow of his boat and pulls his boat along until he reaches the first short rope to which a trap is fastened. He pulls in the trap, removes the catch, drops the trap overboard and passes on to the next trap, in this way he pulls all the traps on the line.

The lobsters are brought to the factory, weighed and then placed in large boilers containing boiling salt water. They are boiled for about fifteen to twenty minutes, are then taken from the water, shelled and washed thoroughly. After this they are packed in cans lined with thin paper, or in glass jars, the tails of the lobsters are put in the bottom of the can, the fine meat in the centre, and claws on the top. Seven ounces of meat and one ounce of sea water are put in a one half pound can and just double these quantities in a one pound can. The cover is then placed on the can and it is sealed air tight. The can is next put into a tank containing boiling fresh water and boiled for one hour, it is then taken from the water and punched with a brad to allow all the air to escape, immediately it is closed with a hot copper and solder. The can is set aside until the following day when it is bathed as in previous bath for one hour. The can is then ready to be packed in the case unless it be a leak in which case it is sealed tightly and given an extra bath of ten minutes. The bulk of the canned lobsters in the world are obtained from the Maritime Provinces. Europe and the United States are the principal markets. The shells of the lobsters are used as a fertilizer for the land. The present war has been the cause of decreasing the price of lobsters, as they are counted one of the luxuries, and the prices of all luxuries have decreased. The figures given below show the approximate amount of the catches and their values for district