

SAMUEL HANSON, SON & BARTER.

No. 17 BOTOLPH LANE,

LONDON, E.C., 12th January, 1897.

SIR DONALD SMITH, G.C.M.G.

DEAR SIR,—We must express our satisfaction on finding the Canadian Government propose to take steps to improve the process of canning lobster, and we were pleased to see Dr. Macphail and hear his explanations as to the causes which give rise to the present unsatisfactory state of things.

We were favourably impressed with a sample shown to us by Dr. Macphail, which had been packed in a district from which we have, of late, received lobster of a poor quality.

If this is an indication of what can be done by careful and scientific process, then, all we need say is, that no time should be lost in bringing it under the notice of the packers.

Believe us, dear sir, yours faithfully,

SAMUEL HANSON, SON & BARTER.

JOHN PITCAIRN & SONS.

No. 7 UNION COURT, OLD BROAD STREET,

LONDON, 15th January, 1897.

SIR DONALD A. SMITH,

High Commissioner for Canada,
Victoria Street.

DEAR SIR,—I had the pleasure of seeing to-day some of the cans of lobsters packed by Dr. Macphail. It is my opinion they are far superior to anything I have seen packed in my experience of ten to fifteen years.

The appearance, flavour, taste are excellent, and in my opinion is all that can be desired. If goods can be packed like these, the serious difficulties we have had in the past will be overcome and hundreds of thousands of dollars will be saved to the packers and exporters.

I remain, yours respectfully,

G. H. TOOMBS,

of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

JOSEPH TRAVERS & SONS.

No. 119 CANNON STREET,

LONDON, E.C., 15th January, 1897.

SIR DONALD SMITH,

High Commissioner for Canada,
No. 17 Victoria Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—We have pleasure in reporting on the improvements in lobster packing, as suggested by Dr. Macphail.

We are glad to learn from Dr. Macphail that the lobster which he showed us had been packed in a district where the fish which turns black in the tin is more frequently found, and we consider that his experiment with this description of lobster showed a decided improvement on the method of packing at present in vogue, particularly, as far as the colour of the lobster was concerned.

We suggested to Dr. Macphail, that the flavour was in our opinion, not equal to the standard of some of the fine qualities of Newfoundland particularly, nor do we think that the fish in its present form, would immediately take the place of the fine quality that we referred to.