

lobsters would soon become extinct. Consequently an act was passed by the Federal Parliament whereby fishermen were prohibited, first, from taking any lobsters less than nine inches in length; second, from taking any spawn lobsters; and further they were prohibited from fishing after the 15th day of July in each year. Also, no man or company of men, could start a canning factory, unless they obtained a license from the government to pack, and before the government would grant this license the man or company had to comply with the following conditions: first, the site for the factory had to be a certain distance from any other factory; second, all packed cans had to be stamped with the government stamp on which the number of the license of the packer has to be placed.

There was a great deal of contention among the fishermen in the Spring as to who should place his traps on the best fishing ground. The government had to intercede a second time and prohibit any fisherman from running his lines, before the 20th of April in each year. The time for fishing was after this shortened, the season beginning April 20th and ending July 10th. Recently the season has been again shortened, the time to fish being from April 25th to June 30th.

When lobster canning commenced here lobsters were packed in one pound cans, and four dozen of these cans placed in a case. These cases were sold for \$5. apiece. The demand for these goods increased yearly, and the price increased with the demand until for the last two seasons the price per case has been about \$20.00.

To catch lobsters the traps must be set on either rock bottom or bottom which is composed of red clay and rock. A suitable fishing ground is found and a long line, perhaps half a mile in length, is placed on the bottom with a heavy iron anchor at each extreme end of it. At a distance of from twelve to twenty fathom from each anchor a rope is attached which is fastened to a wooden buoy at the surface of the water. To the long line at the bottom—which is commonly called the back line—the traps are attached at intervals of about eighteen