

Yarmouth Fish Company, and S. Epstein, who has recently entered the trade, are each doing a growing business.

Yarmouth is also the centre for the clam, oyster and lobster trade of southwestern Nova Scotia. Of the 85,000,000 lobsters caught annually in Canadian waters, a large number come from the waters washing the shores of this section of the Province. In the towns along the Bay of Fundy

and Atlantic Ocean shores and Islands adjacent, are located lobster packing houses, whose shipment of fresh lobsters reached in 1916 about 25,000 cases, valued at \$500,000. The canned lobsters of Yarmouth and Shelburne totalled about 30,000 cases, valued at \$600,000. The former were largely sold in the United States, while the canned lobsters found a ready market in European countries.

### WHOLESALE AND RETAIL INTERESTS

**A**MONG the wholesale and retail houses of Yarmouth, that of E. K. Spinney, founded in 1873, is one of the most prominent. It includes a wholesale and retail hardware store and five warehouses, comprising altogether about 30,000 square feet of floor space, all of which is utilized to carry the goods handled.

The firm deals in building and ship supplies, metals, paints, cutlery, as well as heavy and light hardware. They are distributing agents for the Imperial Cotton Duck Company, Burnham codfish lines and fishing nets, the Consolidated Rubber Company products, besides fishing and other cordage, handling of the latter about 150 tons per year.

Mr. Spinney also has the agency for eight English and one American Insurance Companies for the Counties of Yarmouth, Digby and Shelburne, employing in all his operations some seventeen persons, and doing a Nova Scotia business in which his only competitors are several similar wholesale houses in St. John and Halifax.

Parker-Eakins Company, Limited, is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in Yarmouth, and has been successful from the first. It was established as a firm in 1874 by Edward F. Parker, Arthur W.

Eakins and Abel C. Robbins. A few years later the late Charles S. P. Robbins was admitted to the firm. A. C. Robbins dying in 1903, the firm became incorporated under the Companies' Act of Canada and under the above title commenced as commission merchants, wholesale grocers and dealers in fisheries supplies. Later they added a department for the buying, curing and exporting of dry and pickled fish, and another for the manufacture and shipping of lumber.

The company has a general store, a saw mill and wood-working plant at Meteghan Station, Digby County, and a general store, fish curing branch and lobster factory at Stanwood's Bar, Cape Forchu, Yarmouth County, employing in their operations a large number of men.

The wholesale grocery house of Edward Allen was established in 1885. In addition to the store and offices on Main street, the firm have warehouses on Water street, the latter having railroad siding connections with the Dominion Atlantic railway, where four cars may be unloaded at once.

They are direct importers of groceries and ship stores in bond, having the only bonded warehouse in Eastern Nova Scotia. In a trade extending from Yarmouth to Digby on the Bay of Fundy shore, and Liverpool