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There is also an electric crane for hoisting the stone. This company has also added a steam shovel to their machinery. The mill and crane cost about a million dollars.

Last Spring a large order was received for the rough stone to be used in building the piers for the car ferries between cape Tormentine and Prince Edward Island. This order is being filled by shipments of stone from six to seven hundred tons a day.

THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

The first lobster canning factory on the North Shore of Nova Scotia was situated in Wallace opposite the drill shed, where Mr. William Reid's mill now stands. This factory was opened in the spring of 1875. It was owned by an American company and superintended by Mr. Joseph Lantz who came here from Halifax. Several fishermen were engaged who had their traps set in the Northumberland Straits around the entrance to Wallace Harbor. The lobsters were packed and shipped to the United States and to England.

The canning business proved very remunerative, and consequently the number of operating factories in the vicinity of Wallace is now increased to about twelve. When this industry started here about forty years ago the fish were so abundant that the fishermen made large wages, although the price paid per hundred weight for their catch was small. The government at this time placed no restrictions on the industry. The fishermen were allowed to set their traps as soon as the ice was gone in the Spring, and also to continue fishing as long as the weather would permit in the fall. The industry had not been prosecuted many years till the Government realized that unless some restriction was placed upon the fishermen the