

We hope that the Canadian Government will follow out these experiments and so revive a large and important industry which has been gradually diminishing for some years, on account of the uncertain out-turn of the tins.

We are, yours faithfully,

THOMAS F. BLACKWELL.

No. 4 FENCHURCH BUILDINGS,

LONDON, E.C., January 7, 1897.

The High Commissioner for Canada,

No. 17 Victoria Street, S.W.

SIR.—We have seen to-day a can of lobsters preserved by Dr. Macphail during the first week of June last. We understand that these lobsters were taken on the shore of Prince Edward Island, a district notorious for producing hitherto a quality always more or less deteriorated by the presence of so called black snout and inferior flavour.

The can opened before us was not only absolutely free from the defect just referred to, but the colour, tissue and flavour of the meat resembled the fresh article in a remarkable degree, quite unattainable by the present methods of canning the crustacea.

If this process can, as we are assured, be adopted in the factories without incurring great additional expense, the business in this article will not only, as a natural consequence become more satisfactory to everybody concerned, but very large sums of money will annually be saved, which hitherto have been lost either through depreciation or confiscation and complete destruction of many parcels shipped to Europe.

It seems to us that Dr. Macphail has solved the problem in a manner which must far surpass the most sanguine expectations which might have been entertained.

We have, etc.,

M. L. WÜRZBURG & CO.,

E. LAZENBY & SON, LIMITED,

No. 18 TRINITY STREET,

LONDON, S.E., 11th January, 1897.

To the High Commissioner for Canada,

No. 17 Victoria Street, S.W.

SIR.—We were favoured with a visit from Dr. Macphail on Monday last, when he showed us samples of canned lobsters, packed by himself, some eight months or so ago. As far as we could see, there was not the slightest trace of discoloration, either on the fish or in the interior of the tins in which it was packed.

Dr. Macphail's system of preserving seems to have been perfectly successful, and if it is a practical one, great benefit should be derived from it by canners and others interested in the trade, for undoubtedly great harm has been done by the numbers of tins that come to this country every season, the contents of which are either wholly or partially discoloured.

We are, sir, your obedient servant,

E. LAZENBY & CO., LTD.

HENRY W. PEABODY & CO.

No. 5 EAST INDIA AVENUE,

LONDON, 15th January, 1897.

Sir DONALD A. SMITH,

High Commissioner for Canada,

Victoria St., S.W.

SIR.—We yesterday had an opportunity of inspecting a sample of canned lobsters packed by Dr. Andrew Macphail with a view of showing how the pack of these goods can be improved in Canada. That there is a very great necessity for improvement in