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ON her last upward trip the "Campana" took from Summerside, P.E.I., to Montreal, 500 barrels of oysters and 150 cases of lobsters.

A SUBSTANTIAL increase of customs collections is shown at Montreal for last month. The figures are: October, 1898, \$684,731; October, 1897, \$586,080.

LAST week the ocean steamers "Parisian" and "Dominion" brought several hundred immigrants to Quebec. They were mostly English-speaking, with a few Russians and Swedes, bound for the Canadian west.

It is reported in Vancouver that the Fijian Government has decided to withdraw its subsidy of £1,500 from the Canadian-Australian steamship service. If this is true it will mean that the boats will not call at Suva in future.

MR. E. BRASSFORD, dealer in leather and findings, who is the son of J. Brassford and who has been in the tanning business in Welland for some twenty-five years, has removed from East Main to West Main street, in that town. He has now a larger and more convenient premises, and will carry on the old established business with larger capacity than before.

THE books of the Immigration Department at Winnipeg show 914 immigrants registered there during October; mostly English, American, Germans and Austrians. Rather more than half settled in Manitoba, 219 in the Territories, the rest in British Columbia. There were among them 173 farmers and farm laborers, 61 general laborers, 62 mechanics and general tradesmen, 33 clerks and 4 domestic servants.

AN order has been received, we are told, by the Robb Engineering Co., of Amherst, N.S., from New York parties for two 300 h.p. engines for an electric railway in Australia. These engines are tandem compound, side crank pattern, and the dynamos are to be direct connected. It would appear that this company is working up a considerable export trade, for it has shipped a 300 h.p. engine to England, three of 125 h.p. each to the Isle of Man, three of 125 h.p. to Spain, and one 125 h.p. engine to Newfoundland, all within the past few months.

FROM Quebec city we hear of business troubles as follows: P. C. D'Auteuil, dry goods merchant, has assigned on demand, and is estimated to owe \$20,000, or thereabouts. He made a failure only last year, which was somewhat criticized.—Mrs. F. Dumas, hardware, lately reported failed, is offering 50 cents in the dollar, which settlement most of her creditors have accepted.—L. A. Perrault, for a good many years a boot and shoe salesman in different stores, started a store for himself last spring, but has already assigned. He owes \$2,400.—W. H. Polly, manufacturer of boots and shoes, reported last September as having obtained an extension, has not obtained the relief calculated, and is now asking a settlement at 25 cents in the dollar, cash.

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