

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

From THE DAILY COLONIST, MAY 1.
Changed Hands.
The Occidental Hotel at the corner of Wharf and Johnson streets, has changed hands. Mr. William Jensen retiring, and the new proprietors being Messrs. Bridge-man and Andrews.

Douglas will leave with Mr. Anderson for the North, calls being made wherever aids to navigation are required.
City Trustees.
In the event of the city contributing to the purchase of suitable exhibition buildings for the Agricultural society, the right will be given to the council to elect two or three trustees upon the Board of Directors, to watch over the city's interests.

A SADDENED HOME.
Stephen Ash loses His Limb Through a Mistake.
The Mangled Remains Brought to the City.
When the Government steamer, Sir James Douglas returned from Bonilla Point yesterday, her crew, with sad hearts, carried ashore the mangled body of Stephen Ash, one of their number, who lost his life during the trip.

Imports and Exports.
Very Satisfactory Statements—Customs Revenue \$24,728 Greater Than That of April, 1890.
The customs revenue receipts, at the port of Victoria, for the month of April, which concluded yesterday, amounted to \$108,168.14, of which \$68,442.23 were commodities, \$47,725.91 being from other sources. The total revenue for April, 1890, was \$78,444.81, the increase this year having been \$29,723.33. The dutiable imports for April, 1891, were \$327,020, duty free \$110,674, a total import of \$437,694. For April, 1890, the dutiable imports reached \$194,476, duty free \$100,424—a total of \$304,900, or an increase this year of \$134,384, or 44 per cent. of the total value of goods imported. There have been only two years since Victoria became a port of entry when the April receipts were larger than those of this year, 1884—a period of extensive R. E. construction, when they reached \$106,539.00, and 1887, when they were \$103,166.81. There are, it is pleasant to say, no circumstances other than the growth of business to account for this substantial augmentation of \$34,723.08 over the revenue of April 1890.

Supreme Court.
(Before Mr. Justice Drake and a special jury.)
Walser Gardner vs. Shuswap Milling Company. This is a new trial of a claim for \$2,700, arising out of a contract entered into between the parties, under which the plaintiff undertook to get out logs for the defendant. The plaintiff offered a quantity of logs which the Milling Company refused, as they alleged they did not come up to the agreement. C. Wilson and W. H. Whiteaker (Kamloops), for plaintiff; Hon. C. E. Fooley and F. J. Fulton for the defendant. The evidence has been already published.

THE STARS.
What are their years? The night's unfathomable deep.
Brings back no answer, gives no glimmering gleam.
And still unknown and beautiful they keep.
The silent courses of eternity.

PERSONALS.
J. A. Laidlaw is in town.
J. J. Meyers, of Tacoma, is in town.
James Wilson, of Nicholai, is in town.
W. M. McKim, of Seattle, is in town.
James Dygale, of Wallace, is in town.
W. A. Calder, of Nanaimo, is in town.
S. M. Smyth, of Seafort, Ont., is in the city.

Property Sale.
The small lot, 25 feet front, on the corner adjoining the extension of the Victoria street, sold to a Victoria man, McGregor, & Co. for \$100. The property had been held by the late John McGregor, and was being sold by the executor of his will.

Democrat Contest.
Mrs. C. F. Woodbury, of New York, has appointed Mrs. M. Jenkins, of this city, Superintendent of Democratic contests for the Province of British Columbia, from whom all books, circulars, and information respecting the contest can be obtained.

The Hudson's Bay Co. received a fine lot of capyres from Ashcroft yesterday, which are destined for work in Cassiar, to which district they will be shipped by the first outgoing steamer. The animals have been well broken to packing, and will no doubt give great satisfaction.

As a concern's reports, the total export for April 1891, was more than three times that of April 1890, the figures being: April, 1891, \$196,719.00; and April, 1890, \$61,816.00. Of this in 1891 only \$50,000 were not the produce of Canada, while in 1890 \$31,749.00 came under that category.

NELSON NUGGETS.
(From the Miner.)
In sinking on the Democrat, a claim in the Iroquois group, a vein carrying twenty-five per cent copper ore was struck at a depth of two feet.

John Rhett's Harrowing Experience in a Barber's Chair.
John Rhett, the handsomest young man in the county, he of the raven locks and with the beautiful black mustache that the women adored—John Rhett walked into the barber-shop in Yorkville for a shave.

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The barber was a tall, well-built young fellow by the name of Henry Casey, whom Rhett had known for a long time. The usual preparatory process was gone through with and then he sharpened his razor and went to work, but he started off in a peculiar way.

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Police Record.
The arrests made by the city police during April were thus itemized upon the charge book: Drunk and disorderly, 50; assault, 2; larceny, 1; absent from ship without leave, 1; vagrants, 2; stealing, 3; lodgers, 2; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 1; creating a disturbance, 3; and larceny, 2.

Trades and Labor Club.
Preparations are being made for a concert to be held on Saturday week in the hall of the Trades and Labor Club. A good programme is being prepared, and an interesting time is expected. It is proposed to have the entertainment once a month, thus materially adding to the attractions of the institution.

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