

THE COLONIST, ITS HISTORY

THE Colonist was established on the 11th of December, 1858, the office of publication being then on Wharf Street. It made its appearance as a weekly journal, "price 25 cents per copy," but after a few years it was brought out as a morning paper. The late Hon. A. DeCosmos was the original founder of The Colonist and he conducted the business until it passed into the hands of D. W. Higgins, with whom was associated the late Hon. Jno. Robson. Mr. Higgins retained the active management, both editorially and mechanically, until he sold his interests to W. H. Ellis and A. G. Sargison in 1888. The present Company was formed in 1892. In the 43 years of its history, The Colonist has seen Victoria grow from a Hudson's Bay Co. trading post into the beautiful and prosperous city which it is now. The present quarters of The Colonist on Broad and View Streets have a floor area of 18,000 sq. ft., with an additional 4,000 sq. ft. in the Paper Warehouse.