

Magistrate, the highest honor in the gift of the municipality.

ROBERT PATERSON RITHET, ESQ.,

President of the British Columbia Board of Trade and resident partner in the large importing and shipping house of Welch, Rithet & Co. is a native of Ecclefechan, Dumfries Shire, Scotland, and came to this Province in 1862, when a young lad of eighteen years. After filling several positions of trust in leading commercial houses here, Mr. Rithet, in 1871, commenced business here in partnership with Andrew Welch, of San Francisco, under the name of Welch, Rithet & Co., and has been the managing and resident partner of the firm since its commencement. The business of the house in Victoria is very extensive, and is steadily increasing under the tireless energy and skillful management of Mr. Rithet, who, as a leading merchant and citizen, is widely and favorably known throughout the province. He has always taken an active and prominent part in the promotion of the general interests of the country, notably in his connection with the Board of Trade, of which he may be said to be the founder, and of which he has been president since its incorporation in October, 1878. This organization, numbering nearly ninety members, and representing the financial, commercial and industrial interests of the country, has been the most potent of all instrumentalities in the advancement of the country, having obtained for the province, such recognition, however little, of its claims as has been accorded by the government at Ottawa. By bringing our leading business men capitalists, merchants and manufacturers together, the Board of Trade has, either directly or indirectly, been the means of inaugurating and afterwards fostering almost every important business enterprise in the country.

Besides being interested in a number of other local enterprises, Mr. Rithet is a director in the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company; one of the finest steamers of this line being the "R. P. Rithet," plying between Victoria and Yale at the head of navigation on the far famed Fraser. He is also Vice-President of the Albion Iron Works Company, (Limited), who now employ one hundred men. In 1875, Mr. Rithet was married to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of A. Munro, Esq., of the Hudson Bay Company, and they with their three children now live in their elegant family residence, in the charming neighborhood of Beacon Hill, Victoria's grand natural park.

A Pair of Shoes in Twenty Minutes.

Eight hours consumed in making a pair of boots and shoes when working for a record would be considered terrible slow time in Lynn. Twenty minutes is the best time on record. In 1880 Charles Stewart

Parnell visited Lynn, and while there he was shown about the city by Mayor Sanderson and three or four other gentlemen. The party visited the shoe manufactory of O. S. Sweetser & Co., and the proprietors decided to show Mr. Parnell how quick a pair of boots could be made. It was decided to make a pair of women's grain polish and the work commenced, Mr. Parnell closely watched every movement. He saw the stock for the uppers and the top linings cut out, the eyeletting done and the passing of the uppers from one stitcher to another; he saw the sole leather died out for the bottoms, and the stock fitted. Up to this time the uppers and bottoms had been kept separate. The next he saw was the two parts come together, the uppers lasted to the bottoms, then the uppers were sewed to the soles by a McKay stitcher, and in rapid succession followed the work of beating out, trimming and setting the edges, nailing on the heels, shaving and finishing the same, buffing the bottoms and channeling. Mr. Parnell then took the boots, which had been manufactured in just twenty minutes before his own eyes, and carried them with him to England. These boots, in process of manufacture, passed through no less than thirty hands, and the work was perfect.

ON A LARK.

Rising With The Bird Proverbial.

Presumably and in spite of what scientists may say, people will peel off their garments and lie down in their beds with the going down of the sun, and get up again in time to see that proverbially early bird, the lark where there are larks soaring away to fill his exhausted heart at the fountain of the skies, or they will go to bed at midnight and get up again at

NOON THE NEXT DAY.

just as long as there are people in the world. And that too without caring a tinkers term whether it is best or not. Still it may be well enough for The Resources to intimate, that there is an old gentleman buried away among the dust and cobwebs of one of the German Universities who has spent his life there, in studying the effect of late and early rising upon the health. He affirms in the most positive way that the idea that early rising is conducive to health, is all bosh. He says that it is the sun's business to get up first, do all the outside housekeeping, warm up the atmosphere, and dissipate the fogs, then call man. He has a long array of names of men who have lived to a ripe old age because they spent the early morning hours, in bed. To these men, sunrise was a novelty. And we believe that, in conjunction with our invigorating climate, the habit of spending the early hours of the morning on the sleeping couch, has had something to do with the excellent health enjoyed by Victorians, who, notwithstanding this indulgence in the sweets of an extra morning nap, manage to transact with ease, as much real business during each day as their more nervous, high-pressure neighbors, who call them "slow people."