

where his death occurred when he had reached an advanced age. Mrs. Redfern came to Canada in 1875 and passed away in Victoria in March, 1906. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children. Martha Eliza, the eldest, born August 29, 1878, became the wife of a cousin, Alfred Edward Redfern of England, where they now reside. Charles William Edwin, born November 19, 1879, at this writing is in England. George Henry, born June 16, 1881, is engaged in the watch making and engraving business for himself in Victoria. Ina Mabel, born September 1, 1882, is now residing in Victoria. Alice Maude, born March 22, 1884, is the wife of E. H. Probert, of Agassiz, British Columbia. Kate Emily, born August 6, 1885, is the wife of C. J. Paget-Ford of Victoria. Alfred Edward, born August 31, 1888, is a member of the firm of Redfern & Son, and is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Winifred Violet, born December 15, 1889, and Elsie Muriel, born November 17, 1890, are at home. The family residence is at 648 St. Johns street and has been the Redfern home for the past forty years. Although Mr. Redfern has reached the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey, he is still an active, capable and enterprising member of the firm and a leading business man of the city. He is uniformly kind and courteous, which is the testimony of his many patrons and through his energy and foresight his business ranks as one of the foremost of its kind in the city and is the oldest established jewelry house of western Canada, if not of the entire Dominion of

HARRY BICKERDIKE.

Under the careful guidance and wise direction of Harry Bickerdike, the laundry business of which he became proprietor, in Victoria, was developed into the largest enterprise of the kind in the city and brought to him a measure of prosperity that now enables him to live retired. He was born at Bradford, England, October 22, 1866, and is a son of John and Hannah (Stead) Bickerdike, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a wholesale and retail fish merchant. Our subject was one of eleven children of whom six survive, those besides himself being three brothers and two sisters. One brother, Fred Bickerdike, resides in California.

Harry Bickerdike was educated in the public schools and when fifteen years of age left England, making his way direct to Chicago, Illinois, arriving there in 1881. He remained in that city for eleven years, working in the laundry business. He started out as chore-boy, sweeping the floors and doing other odd jobs, but gradually worked his way up through all the branches of the business. In 1893 he left Chicago, going to Port Angeles, Washington, where he remained for about fifteen months, looking around for a favorable location. He then came to Victoria and secured employment in the laundry owned by McIntosh & McCrimmon. He continued with this firm for about ten years and with his brother, Fred Bickerdike, and Alfred Rushworth, then bought out the business. His partners retired within a year and he became sole proprietor, continuing business under his own name from 1905 until 1911, when he turned it into a stock company, and on the 31st of December, 1911, he retired. The Victoria Steam Laundry, by which name it is now known, is the largest in the city and was developed from a small and poorly equipped plant to its present size under the able management of Mr. Bickerdike. His family assisted him at rush times and frugality and industry were characteristics of the household. Today because of his sagacity in his investment and his capably managed business affairs, Mr. Bickerdike is able to live retired. In all the time he worked for others and conducting the laundry business, he had only about four days' vacation, and that on account of illness.

Now he is able to enjoy the leisure which his prosperity affords and the rest is certainly well deserved. In Chicago, on the 24th of August, 1887, Mr. Bicker-