

Odd Fellows and past master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Bate gives adherence to the Episcopal church. He is most highly respected in Nanaimo, the history of which city could not be written without prominent mention of him whose name introduces this article. He has witnessed every sign of civilization coming here and has himself ardently contributed toward bringing about the present prosperous conditions. He has been one of the foremost forces in this part of the province and his participation in any worthy public enterprise has ever been considered quite natural, as there never has been undertaken anything of importance with which the name of Mr. Bate has not been connected.

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CHARLES EDWARD REDFERN.

Charles Edward Redfern, a member of the firm of Redfern & Son, jewelers of Victoria, was born October 23, 1839, in London, England, where his father, Charles Edward Redfern was established in business as a watch and chronometer maker. The son was educated at Brewer's school in his native city and afterward served a seven years' apprenticeship under his father. On the 9th of June, 1862, he left England on the steamer, Tynemouth, for British Columbia, sailing around Cape Horn and arriving at Victoria on the 17th of September. He is thus numbered among the pioneer residents and throughout the intervening years has been classed with the valued and prominent citizens.

In the year of his arrival here, Mr. Redfern entered the jewelry business on his own account in Victoria, his first location being on Government street a little south of Yates street, and adjoining the old Colonial Hotel. In 1864, he visited the Leach River mines, but decided that conditions there were unfavorable and returned to this city. In 1875 he purchased the watch and jewelry business of J. L. Jungermann, located on Government street, a business that had been established in 1858 and of which the enterprise of the present firm of Redfern & Son is the ultimate outgrowth. Theirs is one of the leading jewelry establishments of the province. They carry a large and attractive stock of jewelry of domestic and foreign manufacture and its tasteful arrangement constitutes one of the pleasing features of the store, while the honorable business methods of the house recommend them to the continued and increasing patronage of the public.

While Mr. Redfern occupies a position as a leading merchant, he has also taken active part in public affairs, particularly relating to municipal welfare. In 1877-8, he was member of the Victoria city council, representing the James Bay ward. Other political responsibilities came to him and his standing as a citizen is indicated in the fact that four times he has been called to the mayoralty, serving in 1883, 1897, 1898 and 1899.

Many tangible evidences of his public spirit might be cited. He gave loyal support to various movements for the benefit of the city and introduced a number of plans for civic betterment. His associations along other lines are many, and are largely of a valuable character. In 1886 he was president of the British Columbia Pioneer Society. He has been a member of St. George's Society since its inception and was its president in 1890. He is a past president and now vice president of the Navy League, and for many years he was member of the executive committee of the Royal Jubilee Hospital. The Union Club numbers him among its charter members and he was formerly a member of its executive committee. He is likewise a member of the Board of Trade and interested in all of its projects for the public good. A conservative, he takes a keen interest in political affairs and his wide learning and insight has enabled him to support his position by intelligent argument. His religious faith is that of the Anglican church.

Mr. Redfern was married in St. John's church of Victoria, October 5, 1877, to Eliza Arden Robinson, a daughter of the Rev. W. A. Robinson, an Anglican minister, who was a native of Ireland, and became a resident of South Africa.