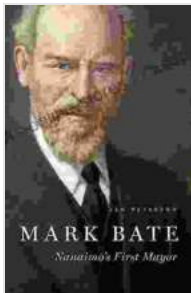


# Mark Bate: The First Mayor of Nanaimo, British Columbia

Mark Bate was a prominent figure in the early history of Nanaimo, British Columbia. He served as the city's first mayor from 1874 to 1876, and his leadership played a key role in shaping the city's development.



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Bate was born in England in 1832. He emigrated to Canada in 1858 and settled in Nanaimo, where he worked as a general store owner and postmaster. He was a successful businessman and quickly became involved in local politics.

In 1874, Bate was elected as Nanaimo's first mayor. During his term, he oversaw the construction of the city's first schoolhouse and the establishment of its first fire department. He also worked to improve the city's infrastructure and promote its economic development.

Bate was a popular and respected mayor. He was known for his strong leadership and his dedication to the city. He served two terms as mayor, and after leaving office, he continued to be involved in local affairs.

Mark Bate died in Nanaimo in 1900. He is remembered as one of the city's most important early leaders. His legacy continues to this day, as Nanaimo remains a thriving and prosperous community.

## **Early Life and Career**

Mark Bate was born on March 25, 1832, in Kingsbridge, Devon, England. His parents, Thomas and Mary Bate, were farmers. Bate received a basic education and worked on his family's farm until he was 18 years old.

In 1850, Bate emigrated to the United States and settled in California. He worked as a miner during the California Gold Rush, but he did not have much success. In 1858, he moved to British Columbia and settled in Nanaimo, where he worked as a general store owner and postmaster.

Bate was a successful businessman and quickly became involved in local politics. He was elected to the Nanaimo City Council in 1870, and he served as mayor from 1874 to 1876.

## **Mayor of Nanaimo**

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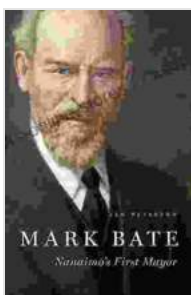
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## Legacy

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In 1964, the City of Nanaimo named a street after Mark Bate. Bate Street is located in the city's downtown core, and it is home to many businesses and restaurants.

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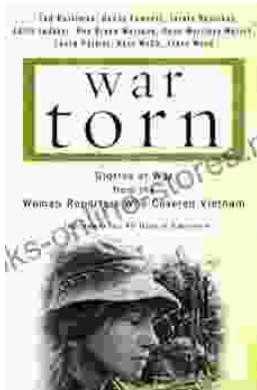
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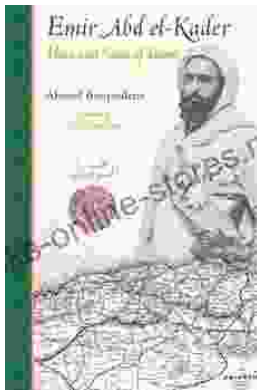
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