

stad in partnership with S. Forseth and that connection continued for a couple of years, at the end of which time Forseth sold his interest in the business to A. Melting, who remained a partner of Mr. Nygaard until 1908, when he sold his interest to A. M. Hostad and the business has since then been continued under the firm name of Nygaard & Hostad. Mr. Nygaard has ever taken an active interest in local affairs and particularly in the affairs of the village schools, in the upbuilding of which no one has been more enthusiastically attentive than he, it being generally admitted that the present splendid school in the village owes its present form largely to his long-continued, energetic and unselfish service in that behalf. He has been a member of the local school board since 1897 and is now the efficient secretary of the board. In other ways Mr. Nygaard has devoted much time and labor to the public welfare and has long been accounted one of Halstad's most public-spirited citizens. He has served as a member of the village council, was for two terms president of the same and has also served as village recorder, as treasurer and as justice of the peace. He has ever been active in promoting local enterprises and is now the secretary of the local creamery company.

In 1906 Haldor P. Nygaard was united in marriage to Hansine Grendstad, and to this union seven children have been born, Percival H., Elmer, Julia B., Amanda Belinda, Oliver, Herman and Ethel Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Nygaard are members of the United Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they take a warm interest, as well as in the general social activities of their home town, and Mr. Nygaard for some years has been a member of the board of trustees of the church.

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#### EDWIN ADAMS.

Edwin Adams, one of the well-known and successful attorneys and prominent business men of Moorhead, Clay county, was born in Lanark county, Ontario, Canada, on July 19, 1852, a son of Daniel Adams and wife, both natives of the Dominion of Canada, where they received their education in the public schools, and lived their lives, they having died in the land of their nativity some years ago. The paternal grandfather, Joshua Adams, was a native of Vermont and was a captain in the British Army, during the time of the Revolutionary War. After that memorable conflict, he located in Canada, where he established his home and continued to live

until the time of his death. Daniel Adams, as a young man, engaged in the milling business and in time became the owner of a saw, flouring and a woolen mill, in the operation of which he met with success. He and his father, during the time of the McKenzie Rebellion in the year 1837, took an active part in assisting the government to quell the disturbance. The family were ever prominent in local affairs, and were active in the social and religious life of the community where they lived, being held in high regard and esteem by all.

Edwin Adams received his education in the schools of Ontario and there he grew to manhood. He later studied law in the office of T. B. Pardee and others in Ontario, after which he came to the United States and established himself at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was with the Omaha Railroad Company for one and a half years. He came to Moorhead, Minnesota, in the year 1881, and, on July 13 of that year, entered the employ of H. G. Finkle in the mercantile and grain business, remaining until 1884. His desire had been to engage in the practice of the law, and in the last year mentioned above opened an office at Hawley, where he practiced with success until 1892, when he returned to Moorhead, becoming cashier of the First National Bank. Sometime later he opened a law office and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. In connection with his legal practice, he is engaged in the insurance and real-estate business, and is today regarded as one of the successful and substantial men in his line of work in the state. His careful businesslike methods have won for him a large circle of friends and clients, who regard him as a man of the highest integrity.

It was in the year 1892 that Edwin Adams was united in marriage to Georgia Axtel of Troy, Pennsylvania, and to this union the following children have been born: E. Maurice, Helen M., John C., Grace E., Alan K., Henry A., and Laura C., all of whom are now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are active members of the Episcopal church and have long been prominent in the social and the religious life of their home town. Their interests have ever been for the betterment and the growth of the district in which they have lived, and their best efforts have ever been exerted in the promotion of those enterprises that would tend to the substantial growth and improvement of the city of Moorhead and the surrounding country. They have had much to do with the high sentiment of their city in its educational and moral development.

Mr. Adams is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arcanum, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Commercial

Club. He has never been a seeker after office, yet he has taken the keenest interest in local affairs and has had much to do with the civic life of the district. While living in Canada, he was a member of the Canadian Volunteers and saw active service in the Fenian Raid, and held a commission as lieutenant. Mr. Adams is a man of much force of character and is a leader in the various organizations of which he is a member. He has lived a useful and active life and is today known as one of the prominent men of Moorhead.

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### FRANK P. THOMPSON.

Frank P. Thompson, proprietor of a well-kept farm in Elmwood township, Clay county, and one of the pioneers of that neighborhood, is a native of the kingdom of Denmark, but has been a resident of this county since he was nineteen years of age and of Minnesota since 1880, the year in which he homesteaded the tract on which he is now living and where he has made his home since his marriage in the year following his location there. He was born in 1852, son of Peter and Cecelia (Johanson) Thompson, also natives of Denmark, industrious farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land.

Reared on the home farm in Denmark, Frank P. Thompson received his schooling in his native schools and he remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, when, in 1871, he came to the United States and located at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where for two years thereafter he was engaged working in the lumber mills and in the big timber adjacent to that place. He then went to Okoma, in that same state, and a short time afterward went over into the big timber region of Michigan, where he worked for some time in the lumber woods. He then returned to Wisconsin and located at Oshkosh, where he became acquainted with Thomas McCabe and in 1880 the two of them came over into this part of Minnesota and homesteaded neighboring quarter sections in Elmwood township, Clay county. In the next year, 1881, Mr. Thompson married and established his home on his quarter section, but Mr. McCabe did not settle on his tract until after his marriage in 1883. The old neighbors are still living alongside each other and the fine neighborly relations established back in the days of their pioneering together have remained altogether amicable and wholly undisturbed all these years; the fine friendship which sprang up between the two young men from a foreign shore, for Mr. McCabe also is of European birth, a