

were the parents of the following children: Ingeborg, who lives in South Dakota; Erick J., the immediate subject of this sketch, and Olc, who lives in North Dakota.

Erick J. Egge was educated in the schools of Norway and was reared on his father's place, where he helped in the work of the farm. In 1883, at the age of twenty-three, he immigrated to this country, leaving his parents in the old country, and first located in Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county, Minnesota, to which place his parents subsequently came. In 1887 Mr. Egge moved to his present place in Skree township, where he has a compact and well-developed farm of one hundred and sixty acres of prime land, on which he has erected some substantial buildings and has laid out an attractive grove, which enhances the value and appearance of the place. Mr. Egge is actively engaged in general farming and is accounted one of the well-to-do and progressive farmers of that part of the county, and is doing very well in his farming operations.

In 1886 Erick J. Egge was united in marriage to Ellena Peterson, the ceremony being performed in Norwegian Grove township, Otter Tail county. Mrs. Egge was born in Norway, a daughter of Peter and Ragnild (Erickson) Iverson, also natives of Norway, in which country they all spent their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Egge the following children were born: Carolina, John, Inga, Ella, Petra, Annie and Mary (twins) Gena, deceased, Gunvold and Ole, and two others who died in infancy. The Egge family are earnest members of the Lutheran church, which Mr. Egge helped to organize and in the good works of which they take a warm interest, as well as in all good works of the community in which they reside.

CHARLES C. ALLEN.

Charles C. Allen, mayor of the city of Ada and head of the firm of C. C. Allen & Company, one of the most extensive lumber dealers in this part of the state, is a native of the old Green Mountain state and was reared in Michigan, but has been a resident of the great Northwest ever since he was seventeen years of age and is thus thoroughly familiar with conditions here since pioneer days. He was born on May 29, 1863, and was but a child when his parents, Lewis J. and Ellen (Kent) Allen, also natives of Vermont, left that state and went to Michigan, settling at Battle Creek, where he was reared and where he received his schooling in the public schools of that city. As a

boy he spent one year on a farm in Michigan and then, in 1880, he then being seventeen years of age and a strong, husky lad, came up into the Northwest and has ever since been a resident of this part of the country.

Upon coming to the Northwest Charles C. Allen located on a farm in Lamoure county, North Dakota, where he remained for seven years, or until 1887, when he went to Ransom county, that same state, where he was engaged in a lumber yard, thoroughly familiarizing himself with the details of the lumber business, until 1890, when he came over into Minnesota and located at Ada, where he ever since has made his home, for years having been regarded as one of the leading citizens of that city. Upon his arrival at Ada Mr. Allen took employment in a lumber yard there and was thus engaged, perfecting his acquaintance with the lumber business as applied to this region, for five years, or until 1895, when he formed a partnership with J. C. Norby and the two bought the lumber yard and plant in which he had been working, continuing the business under the firm name of C. C. Allen & Company, which firm style has since been maintained. In 1902 Mr. Norby died and in 1909 Mr. Allen bought the interest in the business held by the Norby estate and continued as sole proprietor of the lumber plant until 1915, in which year he admitted to partnership in the business his son, Fred K. Allen, which mutually agreeable arrangement continues. During his many years of connection with the lumber trade at Ada Mr. Allen has created a fine and growing business there, his plant and yards being one of the best-equipped lumber concerns in northwestern Minnesota, handling, in addition to lumber, a general line of builders supplies.

Ever since taking up his residence at Ada Mr. Allen has given his earnest attention to general business and civic affairs and has done well his part as a citizen of that flourishing county seat. Since 1906 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Norman County Telephone Company, for many years has been a director of the Norman County Fair Association and for some time served as president of the latter organization. From 1897 to 1915 he served as a member of the board of education of the city of Ada, part of the time serving as treasurer of the board and later as president of the same, and also has served as city auditor. In 1914 Mr. Allen was elected mayor of Ada and by successive re-elections is still serving in that important executive capacity, giving his earnest attention to local civic affairs, his efforts in his public, as well as in his private, capacity ever being directed toward the advancement of the material and social welfare of the community of which he has been such an active factor for more than a quarter of a century.

On October 29, 1884, while living in North Dakota, Charles C. Allen was united in marriage to Nellie S. Crawford, who was born in Michigan, daughter of S. A. and Ellen J. Crawford, pioneers in the Dakotas, and to this union four children have been born, Charles C., Marguerite, Florence and Fred K., all of whom are living. The Allens have a very pleasant home in Ada and take a proper part in the general social activities of the city. They are members of the Congregational church and for a number of years Mr. Allen has been the chairman of the board of trustees of the local congregation of that church.

HANS LARSON.

Hans Larson, a well-known and prosperous farmer of McDonaldsville township, Norman county, owner of two hundred and seventy-four acres of prime land and former member of the township and school board, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been living in this country since he was twelve years old, having come with his parents to America in 1863. He was born near Dramen, Norway, in 1851, a son of Lars and Maria (Helgeson) Knutson, also natives of the same country.

Lars Knutson, father of Hans Larson, was educated in the schools of his native land, there grew up and was married, following farming up to the time he immigrated to America in 1863. On his arrival in this country he proceeded on out to Iowa and located near Decorah, Winneshiek county. Later he acquired a parcel of land in Lincoln township, that state, and farmed there for the remainder of his life. Lars Knutson and wife were the parents of the following children: Serena, deceased; Christina, deceased; Knut, deceased; Hans, the subject of this sketch; Marin, deceased, and Larvis, still living on the old home farm in Iowa. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and their family were reared in the same faith.

Hans Larson was educated in the schools of Norway and in 1863 he accompanied his parents to the United States and worked on his father's farm in Iowa, a valuable assistant in the labors of the improving and cultivating the land. When he was twenty-eight years old, in June, 1880, he moved to Ada, this county, the journey being made by horse team and occupied two weeks. He lived in Ada for two years, where he ran a feed barn. He then started farming on his own account and bought land in