

since about 1905. He operates four hundred acres, a part of which lies in Felton township, Clay county, and part in Winchester township, Norman county. The excellent modern group of farm buildings, which he erected himself, are in Felton township. The land was a bare prairie when he purchased it, but he has long had it all under a high state of cultivation. He set out a large grove which is now a valuable asset. He has been quite successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and has also given his active attention to the general business affairs of the community in which he lives, being a stockholder in the company which operates the co-operative potato warehouse at Borup, a stockholder in the Felton Rural Telephone Company and a stockholder in the Equity Packing Plants at Fargo, in the affairs of all of which concerns he takes a warm interest. Mr. Lahey was reared a Catholic. Politically, he is independent of party, reserving his right to vote for the men and the measures he regards as most serviceable to the public at large.

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#### ANDREW CHRISTIANSON.

Andrew Christianson, a farmer of Eglon township, Clay county, was born in Norway in 1870. He is a son of Knut C. and Parnelia (Rassmusson) Christianson, both natives of Norway, where the mother now resides, at the age of eighty years. The father died in 1896, at the age of sixty-eight years. He came to America about thirty-eight years ago and in the spring of 1880 bought railroad land in Eglon township, Clay county, Minnesota, the place on which his son Andrew, now resides. Here he went to work with a will and in due course of time had a good farm under cultivation and a very comfortable home established. He was in the county about a year before he selected a site for his future home, finally buying the place on which he spent the rest of his life. He lived in a log house for a number of years. His family consisted of six children, named as follow: Christian, who is married and who lived in Clay county until the autumn of 1916, when he removed to Detroit, Minnesota; Seivert, who is married and lives in Eglon township; Andrew, the subject of this sketch; Jacob, who lives on the home farm part of the time; Oscar, who resides in North Dakota, and Peter, who lives on the old homestead with the subject of this sketch.

Andrew Christianson was two and one-half years of age when his parents brought him to Minnesota. He was reared on the home farm in Clay county, received his education in the district schools, has always fol-

lowed farming and has kept the home farm well improved and well cultivated. He built a new residence in 1911. Mr. Christianson owns two hundred acres in section 21 and forty acres in section 7 of Eglon township. He built a large, modern granary in the summer of 1917. He raises a large amount of grain and considerable live stock each year. He planted a fine grove some years ago. He raises a large acreage of potatoes each year, having had out fifteen acres in the summer of 1917, his land being in the great northern potato belt. Mr. Christianson is unmarried. He is a member of the Hegland Norwegian Lutheran church.

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### JOHN GEORGE PERKINS.

One of the progressive citizens of Hawley, Cromwell township, is John George Perkins, who has long made his home in Clay county, the interests of which he has ever had at heart and sought to promote. He was born in Flinthan, Nottinghamshire, England, November 9, 1853, a son of William and Ann (Long) Perkins, both also natives of Nottinghamshire, the father born at Flinthan and the mother at Elston. They married in their native land, and there they continued to reside until 1873, when they came to Minnesota with the first English colony that settled at Hawley, in Clay county. Here William Perkins, father of John G., took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres, in the spring of 1873, selecting a good tract in section 30 of Cromwell township. He developed the land into a productive farm, established a comfortable home and spent the rest of his life there. He made all improvements on the place, erecting the buildings and planting a grove, planting the first trees in that neighborhood. He also took up two tree claims. William Perkins had been a soldier in the old country, serving as a Yeoman cavalryman in a "Notts" (Nottinghamshire) regiment. He was a Methodist and helped organize the first church at Hawley. He also helped organize Cromwell township, and was for many years a member of the township board. He was one of the influential men in his locality, always active in public affairs, and was at one time a candidate on the People's party for county commissioner. He was one of the best-known and useful pioneers in Cromwell township, and highly respected by all who knew him. His family consisted of five children, named as follow: John G., the subject of this sketch; Mary Ann and Maria, who are both living; Sarah, deceased, and Charles, who is living on the old home place in Cromwell township.