

as treasurer of the township school board. His efforts are not confined to that form of public usefulness, and in many other ways he has given of his time and energy to further the welfare of the community.

FRANK V. SVENSON.

Frank V. Svenson, son of Sven Anderson and Elna (Nelson) Svenson, and a native of Sweden, as were his father and mother, was born, April 5, 1882. His father still lives in Sweden and follows the occupation of a farmer, the subject of this sketch being the only child in this family.

Frank V. Svenson was educated in the public schools of Sweden and spent his early manhood in working with his father on the farm. In 1904 he came to America and located at Hitterdal, Clay county, Minnesota. He found employment in carpenter work and followed that trade until 1912. He then became manager of the Wilcox Lumber Company at Hitterdal, and has been thus engaged since that time. He is not married.

C. J. ECKMANN.

C. J. Eckmann, head of the C. J. Eckmann Lumber Company at Hendrum, present treasurer of the village of Hendrum and one of the best-known and most wideawake business men in Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota for more than a quarter of a century, having lived at Hendrum ever since he was twenty-five years of age. He was born in the city of Stavanger, on the southwest coast of Norway, October 14, 1866, son of Capt. Carsten and Malena (Johnson) Eckmann, both of whom were born in that same city, the former of whom is now living in the village of Hendrum and the latter of whom spent her last days there.

Capt. Carsten Eckmann grew up to the life of the sea and became the captain of a merchant vessel, which he sailed for years, or until he tired of the sea and, in 1891, came to the United States with his family, proceeding on out to Minnesota and coming on up here into the Red River valley and locating in Norman county. He bought a farm of four hundred acres one-half mile east of the village of Hendrum and there made his

home for ten years, or until 1901, when he sold his farm and retired, moving to the village of Hendrum, where he still lives, one of the substantial citizens of that village. His wife died there on January 10, 1915. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being Hans, who lives in England; Caia, who lives at Halstad, and Albert M., of Hendrum.

C. J. Eckmann grew up among seafaring folk in his native Stavanger and upon completing his schooling took to the sea, remaining on his father's vessel until he became a thoroughly qualified navigator and at the age of twenty passed the official examination and was commissioned a ship's officer. He continued a seafaring life until 1891, when he came to this country with his parents and located in Norman county, shortly afterward being employed by the Imperial Elevator Company as that company's local grain buyer at Hendrum. In 1904 he was transferred by that company from the elevator to the lumber yard it also controlled at Hendrum and was thus engaged as manager of the lumber yard when, in 1907, the same was sold to the Stenerson Brothers Lumber Company. Mr. Eckmann remained in the employ of the latter company until in February, 1915, when he bought the lumber yard from Stenerson Brothers and has since conducted the lumber business, under the firm style of the C. J. Eckmann Lumber Company. Mr. Eckmann has long been regarded as one of the leading lumber men of this part of the state and is doing very well in his operations. He gives close attention to the general business affairs of the village and is now the treasurer of the local Commercial Club. Ever since locating at Hendrum he has given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, has served as recorder of the village and is now treasurer of the village, secretary and treasurer of the Hendrum fire department and director of school district No. 1, giving to his various public duties his most intelligent attention.

On October 10, 1894, C. J. Eckmann was united in marriage to Julia C. Selnes and to this union seven children have been born, Chester, Carsten, Lillie, Millard, Vivian, one who died in infancy, and Lillie, who died at the age of two years and nine months. Mr. and Mrs. Eckmann are members of the United Lutheran church and take a proper part in the various beneficences of the same, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in promoting all worthy causes thereabout. Mr. Eckmann is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Foresters and is financial secretary of the same.