

tract of land well-adapted for general farming and stock raising, in which Mr. Martinson is largely engaged.

The maiden name of Mr. Martinson's wife is Christine Otto. Three children have been born to them: Mollie, who is at the head of the piano department in Concordia College; Eric and Oscar. Mr. Martinson and family are members of Trinity church, Moorhead, Mr. Martinson being one of the organizers and charter members of this church, of which he was the first church treasurer. He has served several terms as school director in Moorhead.

Eric Martinson, son of O. Martinson, was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, October 11, 1888, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He afterward attended the North Dakota Agricultural College, from which he graduated as a civil engineer in 1912. For the first three years after graduating he was employed in engineering work in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1915 he returned to Moorhead and was appointed district engineer of Clay county, which position he holds at present. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and a member of the Commercial Club of Moorhead.

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#### CLARENCE I. EVENSON.

Clarence I. Evenson was born in Moorhead, January 17, 1890, a son of Even and Olena (Anderson) Evenson, both natives of Norway. The father came to America in the spring of 1882 and located first in Decorah, Iowa, where he remained for four years, at the end of which period he came to Moorhead, Minnesota, and has since made this his home. He is the father of three children: Alvina E., Clarence I., subject of this sketch, and Ethel. His church relationship is with the Norwegian Lutheran church, at Moorhead.

C. I. Evenson was educated in the public schools of Moorhead, and found employment, as a boy, in working for a grocery firm in Moorhead, delivering groceries. Later he held the position of a clerk in the same store and was thus employed for eight years. On November 9, 1912, he started in the grocery business for himself and has continued in this enterprise since. He handles an extensive general grocery line and has established a good trade in the town and surrounding country.

Mr. Evenson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, in the affairs of which he takes a deep and consistent interest. He is fraternally

affiliated with the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America, Improved Order of Red Men, Degree of Honor, the Royal League and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is president of the Moorhead Retail Merchants Association and is a member of the board of directors of the State Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Evenson is also keenly alive to the civic progress of his community and was elected a member of the city council in January of 1917.

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### CHARLES LAMB, SR.

Charles Lamb, Sr., the first permanent settler in Elkton township, Clay county, one of the organizers of that township and for twenty-four years a member of the board of supervisors of the same and for ten years township clerk, a substantial landowner and retired farmer, who is now varying his residence between his fine farm home in Elkton township and his town house in Baker, is a native of Scotland, but has been a resident of Minnesota since 1872, one of the early residents of the Red River country and one of the most influential pioneers of the section in which he settled back in the days of the beginning of the development of this region. He was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, April 30, 1844, son of John and Elizabeth Lamb, also natives of Scotland, the former of whom died there many years ago and the latter of whom came to this country with her younger son, the late John Lamb, a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, in 1873, and lived in Becker county, this state, until about 1878, when she homesteaded a quarter section in Elkton township, Clay county, where she spent the remainder of her life, making her home with her son William and family. That quarter section is now owned by her grandson, Charles Lamb, son of the subject of this sketch, whom she reared and who is now making his home there. Of the children born to the senior John Lamb and his wife, the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being David, Ann, Magdaline, Charles, James, John, Alexander, Mary, Jane and William.

Reared on the home farm in his native Forfarshire, Charles Lamb there grew to manhood and was married. In 1872 he came to the United States with his family and proceeded on out to Minnesota, settling in Becker county, which not long before had been opened for settlement, and there made his home for five years, or until 1877, when he moved over into Clay county