

affairs of his neighborhood. He helped organize Lake Ida township, and served as treasurer of the township two or three years, and has been a member of the school board of the township many terms, serving both as treasurer and school director. Besides farming, Mr. Anderson is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Ada.

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### ERIC H. FLOM.

One of the progressive and enterprising farmers of Norman county is Eric H. Flom, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Flom township, where he carries on general farming and dairying and who was one of the organizers of Norman county, was born in this county, June 4, 1860, a son of Hans and Margretta (Regslund) Flom, both natives of Norway, from which they came to America after their marriage. Soon after they arrived on American soil, the father and mother came on out to Minnesota, and took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in section 14, Flom township, about a mile and a half from the farm on which the subject of this sketch now lives. Both spent their lives on the home farm, which was sold after their deaths occurred. They were the parents of four children, namely: Martha, now residing in Dakota; Elling, living in section 20, Flom township; Eric H., the subject of this sketch, and Seamen, deceased.

Eric H. Flom received his early education in the schools of Norman county, although the educational advantages of his school days were nothing to compare with those that the children of the present enjoy, because the country was then new. Living under pioneer conditions on his father's farm, he there gained the hardihood, thrift and industry which were invaluable to him when he started for himself a short distance from the home place. For the first twelve years of his farming operations, he used oxen, and now he uses horses as draught animals. He has now one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, all well improved with a good farm plant and under a high state of cultivation. The plant consists of excellent buildings, including a large barn and silo, which are absolutely indispensable to the progressive and enterprising farmer. His comfortable farm house is beautifully situated in a fine grove. Here on his farm he carries on mixed farming and has some stock.

Mr. Flom was united in marriage to Anna Nelson, who was born in

Norway, and this marriage has resulted in the birth of the following children: Harry, Nora, Henry, Clarence and Ella. Mr. and Mrs. Flom are consistent and conscientious members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, the former helping to erect the church edifice which has since burned down. He has a share in the creamery at Flom, which enterprise is of great importance to him in the marketing of his dairy products.

Mr. Flom has always taken a deep interest in the social, civic and moral progress of the community in which he has always lived. He helped to organize Norman county, and whenever any movement is started locally for the community's betterment, it is assured of Mr. Flom's unstinted support and loyal co-operation.

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### PATRICK H. LAMB.

Economic conditions in the Emerald Isle in past years were among the most potent causes which influenced the vast tide of immigration from that country to the United States, the people flocking in thousands in and about the year that saw Owen and Elizabeth Lamb land on the hospitable shores of this country, bringing with them their infant son, Patrick H. Lamb, the subject of this sketch.

Patrick H. Lamb was born in Ireland in 1848, known in that country as the famine year; he is a son of Owen and Elizabeth Lamb, natives also of Ireland, and who immigrated to this country in 1850, locating in New England, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Patrick H. Lamb was educated in the public schools of New England, in the state of Connecticut, and continued to reside there for some years. In 1872 he moved to Moorhead and in that year and the one following he worked a team, hauling freight between Moorhead and Winnipeg, Canada. During the succeeding twenty years he acted as manager of a brick factory, he holding a partnership in the firm of Lamb Brothers.

Mr. Lamb became interested in land and at the present time his attention is devoted to agricultural pursuits. In 1895, the year after the Moorhead National Bank was organized, he was elected president of that institution and has since been the active head of the bank, its success being in no small measure due to his business capacity and foresightedness. In addition to his land and bank interests Mr. Lamb has organized and is president of the following undertakings: The National Loan and Improvement Company