

1904 he went up into the Dominion of Canada and homesteaded a quarter of a section of Saskatchewan land, which he "proved up" and on which he remained until the spring of 1909, when he returned to Minnesota and located at Voss, in Becker county, where he opened a general store. In 1912 he disposed of his interests there and moved over into Norman county, locating at Flom, where for a year thereafter he was engaged as a clerk in a general store. He then resumed farming and was thus engaged until the spring of 1914, when, shortly after his marriage, he located at Twin Valley and there became one of the organizers of the Big Four Implement Company and engaged in the general agricultural-implement business. In the following spring (1915) Mr. Otterson became sole owner of the establishment created by that company and has continued the same, handling a full and complete line of farm implements, threshing-machines, tractors and the like, and is doing a good business, one of the best-known merchants in that part of the county.

On January 15, 1914, P. A. Otterson was united in marriage to Jennie Knutson, daughter of Martin Knutson and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Mildred and Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Otterson have a very pleasant home at Twin Valley and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the village. They are members of the United Lutheran church and take an interested part in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works.

PETER O. INGBERG.

In a local work published about 1901 having to do particularly with the lives and the works of the men who had up to that time contributed so much to the development of the farms and farming interests of Norman county there was presented the following biographical sketch relating to the late Peter O. Ingeberg:

"One of these fine estates is owned and operated by Peter O. Ingeberg, who resides in section 32 (Hendrum township), and has accumulated a good property by dint of his own efforts. He was born in Norway on October 31, 1852, and was a son of Ole H. and Emma (Olson) Ingeberg, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father died in Norman county, Minnesota, in 1892; the mother, in Norway in 1872.

"Our subject received a common-school education in his native land, and then assisted his father on the home farm and received good training in this vocation. At the age of twenty years he decided to try his fortune in the New World and, accordingly, left his native country and landed in America, locating at once in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he continued his residence four years. He went to Norman county, Minnesota, in 1876, and settled on section 32, in Hendrum township, taking eighty acres of government land as a homestead. He built a log house and a log barn and used oxen for the work of his place for the first six years. His trading point nearest to his farm was Moorhead, thirty miles distant, and the trip there and return took three days. Mr. Ingberg traded to some extent with the Indians and he endured many hardships and privations in the early days there. He is now the owner of four hundred acres of land, all of which is improved. He has erected a good residence and commodious barn, in which he has ample hay room, and the other buildings of the place supply all shelter necessary for products and stock. He has a flowing well on the farm and the land, being located on the bank of the Wild Rice river, affords native timber and is admirably adapted to general farming. He keeps about six head of horses, forty head of cattle, thirty sheep and other stock, from which a good income is derived.

"Our subject was married in 1879 to Emma Johnson, who was born in Norway, January 18, 1852. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ingberg: Ingvald, Mary, Joseph, Helen, Bernhart, William, Albert, Samuel, Oscar (deceased), and Mary (deceased). Mr. Ingberg is a gentleman of active public spirit and he has served four years as county commissioner, and has also served as chairman of the town board, clerk of the school district, and is the present treasurer. He is a man of advanced thought and studies the topics of the times, and in political sentiment is identified with the Populist party. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church."

To the above may be added the information that Mr. Ingberg remained on his homestead farm until his death, which occurred on December 20, 1915. After the above statement of his material possessions had been made he continued successful in his farming operations and became the owner of eight hundred and forty acres of land. One of his specialties was the breeding of Angus cattle and his sons continue successfully engaged in that line. Mr. Ingberg helped to organize what is now the State Bank of Hendrum and was vice-president of the same from the day of its organization until the time of his death. He also helped to organize the Farmers Ele-

vator Company and the local creamery company at Hendrum and was otherwise active in local business affairs, ever giving of his time and his energies to the promotion of such enterprises as were calculated to advance the common good. In addition to his public services, mentioned above, he also served for some time as township clerk and in other ways did his share in advancing the civic interests of his home township and county. He helped organize Hendrum township when it was erected a civic unit of Norman county and also helped to organize Emmanuel Lutheran church, in the affairs of which he ever took a warm interest. Mr. Ingberg's widow is still living on the old home place. His children, Joseph B., William and Helen, constitute the firm of Ingberg Brothers and together they continue to operate their father's estate.

MEKKEL O. LEE.

Mekkel O. Lee, a well-known stock raiser and grain farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county, where he owns three hundred and twenty-eight acres of well-improved land, was born in Norway on August 27, 1863, the son of Ole Olson and Christie (Osen) Lee, both natives of Norway, the former being a farmer there. The father died in Norway, but the mother came to Minnesota with her son, Mekkel, and here died in Norman county. The elder Lee and wife were the parents of eight children, namely: Lev, who died in New York when the family were coming out to Minnesota after they had arrived in America; Ole, living in Norman county, Lee township; Gunder, Ole and Ingeborg, all of whom died in Norman county; Christopher, who died in Norway before the family emigrated; Mekkel, the subject of this review, and Nels, living in Lee township, Norman county. The family were members of the Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they took a deep interest.

Mekkel O. Lee, who attended the common schools of Norway during his boyhood, grew to manhood on the old farm back in the land of his nativity, but when he reached the age of eighteen he accompanied his mother and her family to the New World where they had decided to set up their home. After they arrived on American soil, in 1881, they came directly to Minnesota and settled in Lee township, Norman county. In that same year Mekkel Lee went to Hendrum township where he bought eighty acres of railroad land, on which he placed improvements and where he lived for thirty years. As the years passed, he extended his holdings out into