

it one of the best-known and most successful lumber firms in this section of the state. Mr. Grina is a close observer and has thoroughly mastered the various phases of the lumber business, keeping well abreast of the times in the same. He established branch yards some time ago at Borup, Halstad and Erhard, Minnesota, but maintains the managing office at Felton. The business at each place is rapidly growing under his judicious direction and management, a large stock of lumber of all kinds, together with the usual accessories for builders, being carried. The firm also sells fuel, and farm implements and does a large business in each department. The company is also interested in farming lands, owning six hundred and forty acres of valuable land, on which general farming and stock raising is carried on extensively and successfully.

Lars I. Grina was married to Pansy M. Gilbert, a native of South Dakota. She received her education in the State Normal school of Moorhead, Minnesota, and taught school for a number of years before she was married to Mr. Grina. She is a daughter of Louis and Dorothy (Oker) Gilbert, of Felton, Minnesota. To Mr. and Mrs. Grina three children have been born, namely: Gordon O., Adel Dorothy and Iver E.

JOHN LAHEY.

John Lahey, a well-known farmer of Felton township, Clay county, is making a success of his chosen life work. He was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, on December 19, 1858, a son of Daniel Lahey, who followed farming in that county for many years in the early days there and who is now deceased.

John Lahey grew to manhood on the home farm in his native state, assisting with the general work on the same when a boy, and there he attended the district schools. As a young man he turned his attention to buying and shipping horses and cattle, being an exceptionally good judge of live stock, and he continued successfully in this line for about fifteen years, becoming widely known throughout the Northwest. He shipped large numbers of horses and cattle into Norman county when this section of the state of Minnesota was being settled and was quite successful in this field of endeavor.

About the year 1897 Mr. Lahey bought the farm on which he now resides in Felton township, Clay county, and there he has made his home



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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.

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-