

political party and has given of his time and attention to the interests of the public for many years. He was elected to the township board and served as a member for six years. He is now the treasurer of the school board, which office he has been filling for the past six years, and to the duties of which he gives unremitting care and attention.

WILLIAM P. LARSON.

William P. Larson, an energetic and substantial young farmer of Riverton township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm in section 29 of that township, also member of the school and township boards and in other ways identified with public affairs, was born on August 12, 1876, at Byron, Minnesota. He is a son of Chris and Mary (Jensen) Larson, both natives of the kingdom of Denmark and who were married in that country before coming to America.

Chris Larson was born in Denmark in 1847 and was educated in the schools of that country. He worked at farm labor up to the time of his leaving the old country to try his fortune in the land of opportunity at this side of the Atlantic. At the age of twenty-four, in 1871, he immigrated to America and came on out to Minnesota, settling on a farm at Byron, and there he farmed for the remainder of his life. He prospered in his farming operations and was regarded as an expert in the agricultural neighborhood where he made his home. He was married in Denmark about the year 1870, to Mary Jensen and his death occurred in January, 1914, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife's birthplace also was in Denmark, her birth taking place in 1847, and she is still living on the home farm at Byron, vigorous in mind and body, at the age of seventy. They were recognized in their home community as active and influential residents, ever helpful in neighborhood good works. Chris Larson and wife were the parents of the following children: Jens, who is married; Alfred; Lewis, married; Christine, married, and William P., the subject of this sketch, and all of whom are living in the United States.

William P. Larson was educated in the common schools of his home neighborhood in Byron and was reared on his father's farm. From boyhood he was an able assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place and continued to work on the farm until 1902. In the latter year he acquired his present holding in Clay county, in section 29, Riverton

township, where he is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of prime land, as good quality as any in the township, and about twenty-five acres of which are given over to the raising of potato crops. Mr. Larson carries on general farming and raises Duroc-Jersey hogs. Since the commencement of his operations he has been quite successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition and the improvements of a substantial and durable character.

Mr. Larson gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and has served on the district school board for seven years and on the township board for nine years; and in these representative capacities he has given unqualified satisfaction. In other ways also he shows a warm interest in local civic affairs and in the general affairs of the community. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is known to be an active supporter of the objects of that order.

OLE QUAM.

Another of the alert and persevering farmers of Highland Grove township, Clay county, who is making a success at his chosen life work is Ole Quam, who was born in Norway, April 6, 1875, a son of John and Unnia (Peterson) Quam, both also natives of Norway, who immigrated to America in 1880 and came to Minnesota, locating in Eglon township, Clay county, where they spent about six months, then took up a homestead of eighty acres in the adjoining township of Highland Grove, where their son Ole now resides. Later John Quam bought an additional tract of one hundred and twenty acres, all of which he placed under good improvements, and carried on general farming successfully until his death. His widow is still living on the home place. The family erected a fine group of buildings and set out a large grove. Seven children were born to John Quam and wife, namely: Inga, Ole, Christian, Severina, Anna, Peter and John, all of whom are living.

Ole Quam was five years old when his parents brought him to America. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Highland Grove township where he has continued to reside. He helped his father with the general work of the farm when a boy, and he attended the local rural schools in the winter time. He owns two hundred acres of the homestead, which he has kept well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, carrying on general