

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

the bare prairie which he speedily improved with the erection of good buildings, and brought under cultivation. Now he has three hundred and twenty-eight acres on which he carries on general farming and raises graded Holstein cattle.

On April 7, 1888, Mekkel O. Lee was united in marriage to Anna Nelsdatter Caldevand, who also was born in Norway, daughter of Nels and Ginneye (Birka) Caldevand, both also natives of Norway, the former of whom died there and the latter of whom is still living there. To Mr. and Mrs. Lee fourteen children have been born, namely: Nels, who is farming in the Peace river valley in Canada; Selma and Clara, twins, both of whom are married and now living in Canada; Melvin, deceased; Orlando, owner of a farm nine miles east of that owned by his father; Ingval, who enlisted for service in the European War, December 18, 1915, and went to the front with a Canadian regiment and is still serving with honor and bravery with that regiment, despite the fact that he has been twice wounded during his service; Martin, Rachel, Fritjof, Sarah, Hilda, Theodore, Inga and Ingman. Mr. Lee and family are devoted members of the Lutheran church and he helped to organize the Concordia Lutheran church. He has also had a good citizen's interest in the common enterprises of the community, as he helped to organize the creamery company, the Farmers Elevator Company and the Farmers State Bank at Hendrum.

MAX RICHARDS.

Max Richards is another member of that family who is prominently identified with the farming life of Kragnes township, Clay county, although he has been living in North Dakota for several years. He was born in Calumet, Michigan, in 1874, a son of Robert and Ellen (Giffin) Richards, the former of whom was born in Cornwall, England, in December, 1844, and the latter in Belfast, Ireland, in August of the same year. Mrs. Richards came to the United States early in life and died in 1913. Robert Richards attended the public schools of his native place and there grew to manhood. At the age of twenty years, in 1864, he immigrated to America, his first place of residence being Calumet, Michigan, where he worked in the copper mines for some time as foreman. In 1883 he moved to Minnesota and settled on a farm in Kragnes township, Clay county, and engaged there in