lars they installed a portable sawmill and secured some pine timber, and from this modest start, with notable management and business ability, they have built one of the important lumber industries and corporations of northern Minnesota. In 1892 the Stenerson brothers, with Evan Olegaard, established the Olegaard & Stenerson company, with a lumber yard at Erskine. In 1890 Stenerson brothers started a yard at Pelican Rapids, and later bought the other yards at Mentor, Felton and Borup. Sven Stenerson was a carpenter by trade and through his extensive operations as a contractor and builder in Pelican Rapids added this business to the company’s interests. Upon the organization of the company, Gunder Stenerson was made manager and put in charge of the Erskine yards and Knute Stenerson retained the direction of their interests at Pelican Rapids, and this arrangement has continued to the present time. In 1895 Mr. Olegaard withdrew from the firm and the company of Stenerson Brothers was formed, and has enjoyed a steadily growing trade, prospering in all its enterprises, in the lumber business and as building contractors, a present important contract being the erection of a United Lutheran church at Erskine at an estimated cost of some ten thousand dollars. The yard at Mentor had been sold and was later rebought. As operated at present, the yards are located at Pelican Rapids, Erskine and Mentor, and the company is owned by Gunder Stenerson and Knute Stenerson, Sven Stenerson having sold his interest in 1913 and returned to Norway, where he purchased the old family home and made it his permanent residence. The Stenerson Lumber company was incorporated with a capital of $100,000 and conducts an extensive business through its yards at Earhardt, Halstad and various other places. Gunder Stenerson is the president of the company, Knute Stenerson vice president and L. I. Grina secretary, treasurer and manager. The other stockholders are Sven Stenerson, Melvin Grina, the manager of the yard at Earhardt; Conrad Grina, local manager at Borup, and Ole Grina, who is in charge of the branch office at Halstad. Gunder Stenerson is widely known through his successful association with the various important business interests of his busy career and as business man and citizen is highly esteemed by all, and aside from his active interest and support of public endeavor has given valuable service in local office, as mayor and member of the school board and is a present member of the town council. In 1910 he returned to his native land for a visit, but has continued to make his home at Erskine since 1892, spending the summer months at his cottage on Lake Sarah, a few miles distant. He was married in 1894 to Betsy Torgeson, daughter of Thomas Torgeson, a pioneer of the Thirteen Towns, who opened the first hotel in Erskine in 1888 and is now living on his farm, one mile south of the village. Five children were born to Mr. Stenerson and his wife, four of whom, Ragna, Ingeman, Christine and Gordon, are now living. A daughter, Corrine, died in early childhood. They are members of the Synod Lutheran church, where Mr. Stenerson gives active service as treasurer.

MARTIN O’BRIEN.

Martin O’Brien, of Crookston, a prominent attorney and eminent citizen of the state, was born in Boone county, Illinois, October 15, 1867. He is the son of Michael and Mary (Tighe) O’Brien, who were natives of Ireland. Michael O’Brien was born in county Mayo and was married to Mary Tighe in her native county of Sligo. They came to this country about 1850, locating in Boone county, Illinois, where he followed his trade of stone mason. They continued to make their home here until their death. Seven children survive them and three of the sons reside in Crookston. Martin O’Brien was reared in his native state and received his early education in the county schools. After graduating from the high