Substantial homes of that city. Subsequently he removed his contracting business to Ada, in Norman county, where he remained for nine years. He then located in Crookston and has since been notably associated with the business interests of that city. During the first four years of his residence, he continued his lucrative operations as a contractor and then established a manufacturing plant for the production of sash door and store and office fixtures. This enterprise has become one of the leading industries of the city and commands a steadily growing trade. As a successful business man and prominent citizen, Mr. Larson enjoys the esteem and confidence of his business associates and fellow citizens and was honored with public office in 1911, when he was elected mayor, with the additional distinction of being the only mayor ever elected on the socialist ticket in this part of the State, and won the approval of his constituents for his competent executive service. He was married in 1886 to Mary Johnson, whose death occurred in 1900. Three children were born to this union, all of whom reside in Crookston, Lilly, who was married to Mr. Waade; John and Elmer. Mr. Larson contracted a second marriage in 1915 with Mrs. Lee, who was a widow. In social organizations, he is affiliated with the Sons of Norway and the order of Eagles and Scandinavian Workmen Association.

ANTON JENSEN.

Anton Jensen, of McIntosh, proprietor of the McIntosh Flour mills and of the electric light plant, is a native of Denmark, born July 7, 1857, and came to this country when six years of age, with his parents. They located in Waupaca, county, Wisconsin, and there Anton Jensen grew to manhood. In 1880 he came to Polk county and took a homestead claim four miles east of Fertile and spent the next few years developing his land and also worked as a harvester and in other farm work. In the fall of 1883 he went to Crookston and in the following year entered upon his first venture in the commercial world, opening a general store at Valley and operating the postoffice in conjunction with it. This enterprise which was established with a small capital met with a marked success, represented by an increase to a $4,000 stock and under able management was soon commanding an annual trade of $8,000. In 1893, Mr. Jensen sold the store and removed to McIntosh, having bought, at some time previous a quarter interest in the flour mills at that place and has continued to be identified with this industry as manager and as sole proprietor since 1897, when he bought the interests of the other shareholders. The mills, one of the leading business institutions of that region, were erected in 1889 by the J. P. Johnson company, with an investment of some twelve thousand dollars, and are operated by the roller process, with the capacity for handling seventy-five barrels per day. Mr. Jensen has enlarged the original building and has installed machinery for the milling of rye and buckwheat; the plant now representing a capital of about twenty thousand dollars. He conducts a custom and exchange business with an extensive patronage in the surrounding territory and as a grain dealer, ships many car loads of wheat. In the mercantile trade, his I X I brand of flour has attained a high reputation among the retailers. In 1900, he installed the electric light plant, using the mill power to operate the machinery, which required an investment of $5,000. This enterprising undertaking received the ready approval and support of the citizens of McIntosh and the company, which is managed by William Jensen, supplies lights for the streets and homes. Aside from his business activities, Mr. Jensen has given some attention to agricultural pursuits and makes his home on his farm which adjoins the town, the residence standing within the city limits. He also owns a quarter section of farm land north east of McIntosh and two hundred acres of swamp land which he is reclaiming with drainage