ployed some two hundred men the year around, with
an equipment of one hundred teams which he owned.
He built part of the grade on the Duluth division of
the Great Northern railroad and engaged in similar
work in Montana. Soon after coming to Minnesota
he took a homestead claim in section 17 in Rosebud
township and made this farm his home throughout
the remainder of his life. When failing health neces­
sitated his retirement from the contracting business
he turned his entire attention to his farming interests,
which comprised 1,000 acres. He later sold 200 acres
from his estate. Mr. Bagley was a man whose
influence was to be felt back of any cause which enlisted
his allegiance. He was actively identified with mat­
ters of public concern and interested in the growth
and development of Fosston. The naming of the
village of Bagley stands as a memorial to his citizen­
ship. He was a member of the Republican party, and
although he evaded political honors, he gave his ef­
forts freely to promote its success. He was possessed
of great individuality and was strong in his convic­
tions; a great lover of nature in all its forms, he
refused to see life taken from animals, saying that
“one should not take that which could not be re­
stored.” He took the keenest enjoyment in the life
of the woods and lakes and camp life in the wilder­
ness was one of his favorite recreations. He was
married in Argyle, Maine, to Lydia Fernald. Three
years after his marriage his wife died, leaving two
sons, James, who is in the government employ in
Maine, and Alfred, engaged in the manufacture of
wooden articles at Bemidji, Minnesota. In 1897 Mr.
Bagley was married to Gertrude Nelson, a native of
Norway, who came with her parents to this country
and located at Crookston. No children were born to
this union and Mrs. Bagley has taken her nephew,
Lilmer Tygson, into her home.

ALLAN J. McKINNON.

Allan J. McKinnon, a prominent business man and
pioneer manufacturer of Crookston, was born near
Montreal, Canada, on May 29, 1858. He is the son
of Archibald and Jeanette (Gillis) McKinnon,
natives of Inverness, Scotland, who emigrated to
Canada in 1854. Allan McKinnon is one of five
brothers who have been eminently identified with
history of Crookston since its early days. He was
reared in Canada, where he attended the public
schools until he was eighteen years of age when he
came to the United States and for three years worked
at St. Croix, Wisconsin, learning the trade of wagon
maker. In 1879 he came to Crookston where his
brother Alexander McKinnon had opened a wagon
and carriage shop and in the following year, John R.
McKinnon joined them in their business operations.
This was the first industry of the kind in the county
and they engaged in the manufacture of a full line
of wagons, carriages and sleighs, finding a ready
market in the surrounding territory and building up
an extensive trade that kept pace with rapid settle­
mement and development of the town and county. In
1888, Alexander McKinnon retired from the company
and the firm was dissolved, Allan J. McKinnon and
Archie McKinnon assuming entire charge of the
business, which has met with steady prosperity under
his management. The selling of farm implements
was added to the manufacturing enterprise and this
has become the principal activity, although Mr. Mc­
Kinnon still engages in manufacturing to some extent.
As a successful business man and pioneer citizen,
Mr. McKinnon is popularly known throughout the
county and is highly respected by all his associates.
He is a member of the Democratic party and has been
honored with various positions of public trust and
has been prominently identified with the direction of
city affairs as mayor and as a member of the city
council for twelve years. He also served for three
terms on the library board. He is a member of the
Catholic church. Mr. McKinnon was married in