1888 to Rose M. Powers, of Canada, and they have five children, Archie, John, Allan, Donald and Annie. In fraternal organizations, he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

PAUL K. FOSSBAKKEN.

Paul K. Fossbakken, for many years a prominent farmer of Brandsvold township, was a native of Norway, born October 20, 1860. In 1879, at the age of nineteen he was married to Ellen Dalen and soon afterwards came to this country to find a home on western land. He spent two years in Ottertail county, Minn., where he had a farm of forty acres. In 1885 he came to Polk county and took a homestead in Brandsvold township, six miles north of Fosston; the southeast quarter of section 10. He later bought another tract of land, increasing his farm to two hundred and eighty acres, all but fifty of which, he cleared and put under cultivation. With unceasing industry and skillful effort he developed this plat into one of the finest farms and most attractive country homes in the county. He devoted his best interests to this work and took a just pride in his achievements. A county ditch crosses the farm and with the exception of the barn all of the present buildings, which occupy a pleasant situation, a quarter of a mile removed from the public highway, were erected by him. He kept a large herd of dairy cows and was a stockholder in cooperative creamery at Olga. In 1908, his barn burned and during his heroic efforts to save the other buildings, he suffered injuries which resulted in his death on February 25, 1908. He did his share toward founding the agricultural prosperity of the county and is gratefully remembered by its citizens as a worthy pioneer of Brandsvold township. He was a member of the Republican party and an efficient member of the school board for several years. He was a faithful supporter of the United Lutheran church at Brandsvold. Mr. Fossbakken was twice married. Five children were born to the first union, Mollie, who is a teacher in the Polk county schools, Christopher, Lewis, Ida and Ella. His second marriage was with Anna Hansel, who survives her husband. They had four children, Elmer, Ira, Ruth and Esther, all living at Dalton, Minn. The five older children are the present owners and managers of the Fossbakken homestead and are capably advancing the interests of the estate which their father founded. They have all attended the agricultural college at Crookston and their farming enterprises are flourishing under progressive and able management. The place is well equipped with a silo, with a capacity of one hundred tons, a fine well and tank, a gas engine and windmill. In 1912 they began to breed Holstein cattle and have four head of registered stock and a large herd of blooded cattle. They engage in the dairy business and sell their produce to the Fosston creamery, and are further interested in the stock business in the raising of pure bred Yorkshire hogs. The Fossbakken family are members of the United Lutheran church at Brandsvold.

JOHN D. MACPHEE.

Successful in all departments of his private business and displaying commendable energy, progressiveness and judgment in the administration of public affairs, in which he has been engaged for some years in various capacities, John D. MacPhee, former mayor of Crookston and present county commissioner from the third district, is a typical representative of the citizenship of this section and creditable alike to it and to American manhood in general. He was born in Ontario, Canada, May 14, 1855, the son of