made his training tell in all respects to his advantage and for the benefit of the people for whom he labors.

Mr. McKenzie was born in Dunkirk, New York, in 1863, the son of James and Margaret (Laughlin) McKenzie, the former born in Glasgow, Scotland, and the latter a native of Ireland. They were married in this country, however, in the state of New York, and became the parents of two sons and five daughters, but William E. is the only member of the family now living in Minnesota. The parents died in Crookston, where they located in 1883. The father learned his trade as a machinist in his native city and was employed on boat construction there and on the Clyde until about 1845, when he came to the United States and obtained a position as assistant superintendent in the Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, New York, where he was employed for over a quarter of a century.

William E. McKenzie obtained his education in academic lines in schools in Ontario, where the family lived about four years; and in Buffalo, New York, where he was graduated from the high school. He then pursued a course of special training at Bryant & Stratton's College in that city. He began his newspaper career with Norman E. Mack, whom he helped to start the Morning Times of Buffalo, with which he was connected for a few months as reporter and part owner. When the Morning Times was discontinued and before the Evening Times, which is still in existence, was started, Mr. McKenzie came to Crookston. This was in the winter of 1881, and after a stay of a week or two went to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he finished the winter, returning to Crookston in March, 1882. He was at once engaged as foreman on the Weekly Chronicle, which position he filled until the fall of that year. Then, in company with W. R. Dunn, he founded the St. Hilaire Spectator. The railroad had not yet reached St. Hilaire and the presses and other equipment for the Spectator had to be taken to that city from Crookston by ox teams. One year later Mr. McKenzie sold his interest in the Spectator to Harry Ives, who until four years ago owned and conducted the paper.

When he left St. Hilaire Mr. McKenzie again took charge of the Crookston Chronicle, which he published for J. G. McGrew until 1885. But in that year he joined hands with F. J. Rothpletz in founding the Crookston Weekly Times. Mr. Rothpletz soon parted with his interest in this paper and Mr. McKenzie continued to publish it only as a weekly until 1891, when the daily edition was started, and this is still in active and increasing circulation. In 1905 a stock company was formed to take charge of the two papers, and on January 1, 1906, Mr. McKenzie retired from the active management of the publications, but retained a one-half interest in the business, which he held in that way until the company was reorganized in its present form in 1912. When the stock company was organized Mr. McKenzie had retained as his own the job and book department of the Crookston Times, and had carried it on in partnership with E. W. Robbins under the name of the McKenzie-Robbins Printing company. Mr. Robbins had charge of the business while Mr. McKenzie went to Seattle, Wash., and founded a wholesale business under the name of the McKenzie-Hunt Paper company, and he continued to carry on that enterprise until June, 1911, when he sold out and after settling up his business affairs again returned to Crookston in 1912 and bought the interests of Mr. Dotson and others in the Daily Times company and consolidated it with the McKenzie-Robbins Printing company, and since then the two industries have been combined under the management of a stock company of which Mr. McKenzie is president and treasurer and Mr. Robbins is secretary. The Daily Times supports the Republican party in its political policy. It has a circulation of about 8,000, independent of the weekly edition, and is prosperous, wielding a strong influence throughout a considerable scope of country and standing well in newspaper circles in all parts of the Northwest.

Mr. McKenzie, in addition to his other work in the newspaper field, founded the McIntosh Times at the town of McIntosh, in this county, and the Michigan City Times, at Michigan City, North Dakota. In 1893 Mr. McKenzie bought the Grand Forks Plain Dealer,