men who have directed its affairs so successfully have demanded no large remuneration for their work and since the first year, the fees on policies have met all the expenses of operation. Mr. Peterson has been prominently identified with the company since its incorporation, when he drafted the constitution and by-laws and was made treasurer. He has served almost continuously on the board of directors and became secretary as the successor of Mr. Nesseth, who held that position until his death. Mr. Peterson retains his farm interests and has added forty acres to his original quarter section in Garden township and is further associated with the business activities of the community as a director in the Farmers State bank at Fertile. His influence has always been a potential factor in the broader interests of the town and county and his many services have been recognized by important appointments of public trust and as a business man, public official or private citizen, his career has been marked by honorable achievement and disinterested enterprise. He is now serving, as a director of the Batesa Hospital association, having been active in the raising of funds for the erection of the new hospital building at Crookston, and as vice president of the board of five commissioners appointed by the county commissioners to build and operate the Polk and Norman counties Tuberculosis sanitarium, which is now under construction. He has ever been a leader in the political arena and has given particularly forceful support to the temperance cause. As vice president of the Minnesota Total Abstainers society and as an active worker in the educational movement fostered by that organization. Mr. Peterson is a member of the United Lutheran church.

BEN TYNDALL.

Ben Tyndall, a successful farmer of Rosebud township, was born in Wicklow, Ireland, May 8, 1844. At twelve years of age he went to sea on a sailing vessel that traded between England and Guiana. He remained for several years on merchant ships, touching on many coasts and sailing around Cape Horn. When he was fifteen years old he enlisted in the British navy and for four years served in the Mediterranean fleet. The years spent as a sailor were years of wide experience; he became familiar with the seaports of the world and acquired the hardy training and love of adventure which finally sent him into the western world to win a home from the wilderness. He came to the United States in 1867 and worked in the lumber district near Chippewa river in Wisconsin for a year and then removed to Dodge Center in Dodge county, Minnesota. Here he was in the employ of T. B. Walker as a lumberman, working on the spring drives on Clearwater river and driving freight from Detroit, Minnesota, to the Walker camp. After living for three years in Becker county, near Detroit, he located in Rosebud township in 1883, filing a claim on a quarter section which is in both section ten and section three. The land was covered with light timber and has proven exceptionally fertile, some fields having produced wheat for twenty-seven seasons that have been very rarely successive. Mr. Tyndall has developed a fine farm with about one hundred and forty acres under cultivation and has erected good buildings. He has taken interest in providing his place with pleasant groves of box elder and jack pine and the spruce trees which date their growth from the 4th of November on which McKinley was elected president. The farm is conveniently located just one mile east of Fosston. Mr. Tyndall has engaged in the raising of grain and hay and is now devoting some attention to the breeding of Guernsey cattle. Mr. Tyndall is not affiliated with any political organization and maintains a liberal and intelligent outlook on questions of public import and was one of the first voters in Rosebud township. Like most of the men who have spent the greater part of their lives in the great out of