Mr. Paulsrud was born in Norway May 22, 1865, and emigrated to the United States in the spring of 1882. He landed at New York and came direct to Ada, Norman county, Minnesota, and from there worked his way across the country to the farm of the late Nels Paulsrud, who was distantly related to him. He worked for his relative two years, receiving $150 and his board and lodging for his first year's labor and $20 a month and board and lodging for the second. He then went to North Dakota and worked out as a farm hand for three years in that state, or territory as it was then.

In the spring of 1887 Mr. Paulsrud was married to Miss Lena Gillebo, who was, like himself, born in Norway. Returning to Polk county after his marriage, he took charge of his relative's farm for four years while the latter served as sheriff of the county. At the conclusion of this period he rented another farm in Hubbard township, which he occupied for six years, then bought one of 200 acres which he afterward sold in order to buy the tract of 200 acres in Section 32, Hubbard township, on which he now lives. He has improved his farm with good buildings, arranged it according to a good system and made it attractive as a rural home. His farming is of a general character and he is very successful in the management of it.

Mr. Paulsrud has served as assessor of Hubbard township during the last ten years, and has also been a constable and town supervisor. He is an active member and one of the trustees of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Nielsville, of which his wife is also a member. They have one child, their son Julius, who was born in 1890 and is a graduate of the School of Agriculture at Crookston. He is now a resident of the state of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Paulsrud have also taken into their household as a member of their family Ida J. Olson, who bears to them the relation of foster daughter.

EDWARD W. JOHNSON.

Edward W. Johnson is one of the leading merchants of Beltrami, this county, and also a landowner of substance and prominence, and stands well in the regard and good will of the people of the whole county because of his enterprise and uprightness in all business transactions, his progressiveness and public spirit as a citizen and his genuine worth as a man in every respect. He has lived in the county thirty-six years, and during the greater part of that period has been active in contributing to the advancement and general welfare of this section and the service of its residents.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Lansing, Allamakee county, Iowa, where his life began February 4, 1867, and where he passed the first twelve years of it. His parents, John G. and Gunhild O. (Dahl) Johnson, were born and reared in Norway and became residents of Polk county, Minnesota, in 1879, settling on a farm in section 12, Rice township. They lived on their farm until 1913, when they moved to the village of Beltrami, where the father died September 26, 1914, and the mother is now living.

Edward W. Johnson came to Polk county in 1879 with his parents and lived with them until 1887, when he began his business career as a clerk in a general merchandising store in Beltrami. He worked as a clerk seven years, then bought the business of C. E. Ford, of which he has since been the proprietor and manager. He carries a general stock of goods of all kinds, including agricultural implements, and has an extensive trade. In conducting his business he is enterprising and progressive, studying the wants of the community and doing everything in his power to meet and fully provide for them.

The public affairs of his village and township have always interested Mr. Johnson and he has taken an