work and business at Brainerd, in Duluth and in Winnipeg, and in 1877 made a trip up the Red river on one of the Hudson Bay steamers under Captain Griggs. He was pleased with the outlook in this section and chose the farm on which he afterward lived and labored until his death. His first 160 acres is located half a mile from the Red river and fourteen miles by road north of Grand Forks. He later added a tract of eighty acres, making his farm 240 acres all in one body. He built a log cabin, the first shack put up in a radius of six miles, although he soon had a few neighbors. But for two or three years he was obliged to work out at farm labor to get the common necessaries of life. His wife’s illness caused him to spend all the money he had and when he landed at Grand Forks he carried all his earthly possessions on his back. Fisher was then the terminus of the railroad.

Mr. Hanson’s daughter soon became his housekeeper, and her work as such was her education. She had no opportunity to go to school. Her father, too, gave himself up wholly to his home duties, taking no part in anything outside except the Synod Lutheran church, of which he was an active and serviceable member. His remains were buried in a graveyard at the schoolhouse standing on his own land, and which he had donated for the purpose.

Miss Carrie Hanson, the daughter of Hans, was married November 25, 1892, to Frank E. Nelson, who was born in Sweden April 21, 1869, and came to the United States in 1887. He journeyed direct to Polk county, where his father, John P. Nelson, a brother of August Nelson, had settled five years before. John P. Nelson was a carpenter and passed the rest of his life in this county, dying January 1, 1907. Frank was only seventeen when he arrived here, but he at once went to work at farming and railroad grading, going as far west as Montana in his grading operations. He has carried on the Hanson farm since his marriage, and has bought 240 acres adjoining it, so that he now has 480 acres all in one body, about seventy-five acres being in timber.

Mr. Nelson’s principal products are wheat, oats and barley, and in 1915 he raised over 9,000 bushels of these cereals. He also milks eight cows generally for butter to supply a lively trade among private customers. His cattle are Shorthorns, and of good strains. The buildings on his farm are good and the property is a very desirable and valuable one. He has taken an active part in township affairs, serving on the township board six years, and he has now been school clerk for three years. He and his wife are the parents of seven children, all of whom are living at home. They are John Henry, Elof, Albert, Arthur, Lizzie, Florence and Clifford. They also took in Lillie Halvorson at the age of six years and have reared her as their own child. She still abides with them as a member of their family circle.

N. J. NELSON.

N. J. Nelson, cashier of the First State bank at East Grand Forks and prominent citizen, is widely known through the county as a progressive business man who measures his success by the development and prosperity attending the community in which he lives. Mr. Nelson is a native son of the state, born in Goodhue county, March 15, 1867. His early life was spent on a farm and his business career was initiated as a traveling salesman. In 1891 he located in Crookston which was his home until 1906 when he removed to East Grand Forks. As cashier of the First State bank of that city, he is in active charge of the affairs of that popular institution and through his policy of capable and far seeing administration is also identified with the important interests of civic and commercial circles. He has particularly given his attention and cooperation to the advancement of the agricultural enterprises of the region and in recognition of his services holds the office of county director of the Red River Valley Development association. Aside