building railroads as a section hand. In the year last named he came to this county with his mother and a sister with a view to getting land on which he could establish a home and work out a prosperous and useful career in a line of endeavor that embodied something beyond a daily recompense for migratory toil.

Mr. Logan had about $1,000 when he came here, and he at once bought a tract of railroad land at $5 an acre, with the usual rebate agreement in the contract. He procured a team of oxen and with these he broke up fifty acres of his land the first year. He had a fairly good crop and has continued to raise grain as his chief product ever since. His first residence on the land was a log house with a shingle roof, something very unusual in this locality at that time. The dwelling in which he now lives was built about 1895, and is a very substantial and comfortable one.

From time to time Mr. Logan bought additional land until he owned 500 acres and had nearly all of his acreage in seed, his annual crop averaging about 4,000 bushels. The most of his land in 1891 was in Section 1, Tynsid township, but the farm on which he now lives is in Section 3. It comprises 300 acres, the rest of his holdings having been sold. He paid $6 an acre for what he has, and, through his well-applied industry and the general improvement of the region, it is now worth at least $60 an acre.

In connection with his own place Mr. Logan for years cultivated one belonging to his mother, with whom his only living sister dwelt. The mother died when she was far advanced in years, and after that his sister made her home with him. He was married in 1885 to Miss Margaret Quirk, a daughter of Matthew Quirk, who died in Crookston in 1914. Mrs. Logan came to this county from Pennsylvania soon after her uncle, Michael Quirk, settled here. She was born and reared in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan are the parents of thirteen children, Martin, Nellie, Edward, Matthew, Thomas, William, Leo, Ambrose, Blanch, May, Leslie, Margaret and Louise. They and the parents belong to the Catholic church at Fisher. Mr. Logan has served as supervisor on the township board at different times. In state and national political affairs he is a firm adherent of the Democratic party but in local matters he holds himself aloof from party ties and acts independently according to his judgment.

CARL J. GILBERT.

After years of experience in several occupations in different places, and a successful career in each, according to the time he devoted to it, Carl J. Gilbert has found a field of operation well suited to his taste and capacity and profitable in its returns in well drilling over a large extent of country radiating in every direction from the village of Eldred, of which he is the present postmaster. He was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, June 10, 1870, and came to this county with his parents, John and Karen Gilbert, in 1878. The parents were born, reared and married in Norway and came to the United States just before the Civil war. The father was a farmer and improved a good farm in the wilds of Wisconsin, which he occupied until 1878.

On his arrival in Polk county in 1878 the elder Mr. Gilbert took up a tree claim and bought railroad land on the prairie, in Sections 3 and 4, Roome township, nine miles west of Crookston and several miles from any neighbor. He had about $500 in money when he came here and a wife and seven children to provide for. He became the owner and cultivator of 360 acres of land; reared his children in comfort; raised large crops of grain; held different offices in the township; helped to found and maintain Bardo church, a mile distant from his home, and after the death of his wife sold his farm and retired to Pelican Rapids, in Ottertail county, where he died in 1914 at the age of seventy-three years.

Carl J. Gilbert grew to manhood on his father's