trade amounting to $300 a month, as he emphasizes the dairy feature now. He also raises horses for sale besides what he needs for his own use.

Hon. James Cumming was born in County Carlton, Ontario, Canada, October 17, 1861, the son of William and Elizabeth (Whyte) Cumming, natives of Scotland and farmers in Canada, where the father died in May, 1880. Soon afterward the mother, James, his brother Peter and their sister Annie came to the Red river valley, Henry and John, two other sons of the family being already in this locality and working as blacksmiths in Grand Forks. The new-comers took up land in Grand Forks county, North Dakota, and lived on it two years. In the fall of 1882 they moved to the land Mr. Cumming now occupies, paying $20 an acre for it. The Northern Pacific railroad was later built through here and Cumming’s siding, a grain loading station, was located on the farm.

Mr. Cumming has been active in school work locally and served as chairman of the township board twelve years. In the fall of 1898 he was elected as the candidate of the People’s party to the state house of representatives. He served on the committees on agriculture, towns and counties, state capitol and claims and also other standing committees and was chairman of a special committee. He worked to obtain provisions for draining the Red river valley; for allowing small municipalities to build or acquire their own water and light plants, his bill for this being killed in the senate; for increasing the tax on the gross earnings of railroads from 3 to 4 per cent, and for county option. In 1904 he was nominated for the state senate but was defeated by Hon. A. D. Stevens, who then was sent to the senate for the first time.

In religious affairs Mr. Cumming has always taken an active interest. He was one of the founders of Bethel Presbyterian church on the Marias and has served as one of its elders for more than twenty years. On March 16, 1887, he was married to Miss Katie Ferguson, a native of Canada but of Scotch Highland ancestry. He was living in Grand Forks with a sister at the time of the marriage. They have had eight children. William James is a graduate of the Agricultural college at Crookston and is now farming in Huntsville township. He married Miss Nettie Ellen Hannah and they have one child. Mary Isabella is a graduate of the high school in Grand Forks and a teacher in North Dakota, and is now married to Mr. Melvin Johnston of Kensal, N. D. Peter Allan is a graduate of the Grand Forks high school and a junior in the University of North Dakota. Elizabeth Gladden, who was graduated from the Grand Forks high school in 1915, is a stenographer. Anna Zelia will graduate from the high school in 1916, and Leslie Ferguson is a student in Grand Forks. Daniel died in infancy and John Russell September 27, 1915, aged sixteen and just ready to enter the high school. Fraternally Mr. Cumming is a Freemason and a member of the Order of Woodmen. For years he was one of the directors and the president of the Fair Association at Crookston three years.

GULIK S. SPOKELY.

Owning a fine farm in Section 13, Hubbard township along the Red river, 1 mile north and 1 and 1/2 mile west of Neilsville, Gulik S. Spokely is comfortably fixed in a worldly way and almost beyond the reach of ill fortune. He is now living retired from active pursuits, but his period of toil was a long, exacting and very trying one. His life began at Fyresdal, Norway, June 12, 1842, and he came to the United States in 1866, locating in Houston county, Minnesota, and there working as a farm laborer to make a living.

In 1871 Mr. Spokely moved to Polk county and squatted on a quarter-section of land in a section not yet surveyed. The law was that such land had to be taken up on a pre-emption claim at $1.25 an acre, but he preferred to take his as a homestead and he suc-