line then, and by boat to Grand Forks. He bought his land of the railroad company at $7 an acre, with the usual rebate condition in the contract, his first purchase comprising eighty acres, to which he added 160 more soon afterward, the whole tract of 240 acres being in one body.

Mr. Kenn had very little money and was not able to own a horse for some months after his arrival. During his first year in Polk county he worked for other farmers, breaking up what he could of his eighty acres, and when the next spring came he found himself the owner of an ox team and ground that was ready for seeding. His land lay next to the eighty acres owned by his friend Anderson, and with the help of that gentleman he built a log cabin sixteen feet square and began farming operations which in time grew to large proportions. He died June 9, 1891, at the age of seventy-one, but that same year he began the erection of the house now on the farm and bought 160 acres of additional land in Northland township, intending to continue and extend his farming industry, being a grain grower and devoted to his work and special line of production.

Mr. Kenn was active in township affairs and for many years filled various township offices, among them those of member of the township board, township assessor and school director. He was a member of the Presbyterian church in Grand Forks to his death, and his remains were buried in the cemetery connected with that church. The mother is still alive. They were the parents of six children, Alexander, James Drummond, Margaret, John Ramsey B., Agnes Jane and Edmund, all but one of whom are living in Polk county. Margaret is the wife of J. C. Dangerfield, of East Grand Forks, and Agnes Jane married J. C. Fegenshau and lives in Miles City, Montana.

John R. B. Kenn married Miss Margaret Fraser and lives in Esther township, three miles north of the home place. His three brothers, who are with him in the firm of Kenn Bros., live on the home place and are unmarried. The firm owns the 220 acres on which J. R. B. lives and 160 more near that place. They carry on general farming, breed dairy and beef cattle and raise their own horses, using twelve in their farm work. They are deeply interested in the welfare and advancement of Polk county, especially the two townships in which their property lies, and have rendered valuable service in different public offices. But their attention has been given mainly to their farming interests, and these they have conducted with skill, good judgment and prudent management. They enjoy the esteem of all who know them.

JOHN CONNERAN.

This gentleman, who was for years one of the most extensive and enterprising farmers in this county, owning 920 acres of land in it, and cultivating nearly all of it, has had a very interesting and in some respects striking career. The land is still all in his family, some of it having been given by him to his sons, and his own home farm of 160 acres is in Section 6, Roome township, twelve miles southwest of Crookston. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, November 10, 1844, and came to the United States in 1862, landing at New York May 2, and at once joining his brother Lawrence in New Jersey.

Two years later Mr. Conneran's father came over and they all moved up into New York state, where they lived for a number of years and then returned to New Jersey. John was a brakeman on a railroad for a time and afterward a conductor until his marriage in New Jersey in 1872 to Miss Anna Logan, the sister of John and Thomas Logan. He then became a section boss and held the job for seven years, and during his railroad service he saved $1,000 of his earnings as a stake for a contemplated venture in the distant West, as it was then, and late in 1887 he brought his family to Fisher, in this county, to be with his wife's people, the Logans and Mrs. Barney Heggarty.

Mr. Conneran took his place in Roome township as