

panied his parents on their removal to Iowa, where he was reared and educated. At the age of thirty years he wedded Mary Kubichek, whose parents, natives of Bohemia, are still living. It was in 1910 that Mr. and Mrs. Kakac were married and they have become the parents of two children, Edward Adolph and Gladys Marie, aged respectively five and two years.

Mr. Kakac and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and he belongs to the B. Z. Y., a Bohemian society of Cedar Rapids. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is keenly interested in the vital questions and issues of the day but does not seek office as a reward for party fealty. His time and attention are given to his business affairs and aside from his farming interests he is identified with the Maple Leaf Creamery Company as a stockholder. He works diligently and persistently in the development and improvement of his farm and his labors have brought to him substantial returns.

E. W. KELLERSON.

E. W. Kellershon, manager for the Northern Lumber Company at New Hampton and an alert and progressive business man, was born in Germany, October 19, 1865, a son of William and Catherine (Schmidt) Kellershon, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany. The son was there educated in the public schools and also spent a term as a pupil in a district school in Wisconsin after coming to the new world. In November, 1884, following the attainment of his nineteenth year, he crossed the Atlantic and first made his way to Newark, New Jersey, where he spent the winter. In the succeeding spring he traveled westward and for one year was a resident of Hartford, Wisconsin. In the spring of 1886, however, he arrived in Chickasaw county, Iowa, locating in Lawler, where he hired out to a farmer for the following summer. In the fall of that year he took up his abode in New Hampton and began work in the lumberyard of John Foley, in whose employ he remained until Mr. Foley sold the business to the Northern Lumber Company on the 1st of November, 1902. At that date Mr. Kellershon was made manager of the business at New Hampton and has continued to fill this position of responsibility to the present time. For more than thirty years he has been connected with the business and its growth and development are attributable in no small measure to his close application, his energy and thorough reliability. As manager he is now bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control and he has built up a large trade for the company which he represents.

On the 2d of May, 1899, Mr. Kellershon was married to Miss Barbara Burget, of Chickasaw county, and to them have been born nine children: Irene, Romana, Hilda, Sybilla, Frank, Selma, Walter, William and Marie. They have also reared an adopted daughter, Anna. All of the children are yet at home. Mr. Kellershon's first wife was Frederika Piehn, whom he married in 1890.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Kellershon is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is today accounted one of the prominent and well known business men of New Hampton, his residence in Chickasaw county covering a third of a century, during which time his sterling personal worth and business enterprise have been again and again demonstrated.

E. D. CAPPER.

E. D. Capper, a man of marked business enterprise, is a member of the firm of Capper & Thomas, owning the leading general merchandise establishment of Chester. He was born in Fayette county, Iowa, May 20, 1864, a son of John and Dorinda (Brooks) Capper, both of whom were natives of Carroll county, Ohio, where they were reared and