

he added the energy, enterprise and ambition of young manhood, thus making a very strong firm.

Thomas Bowen was married to Miss Lillian Runge of Nashua, and they have become the parents of a son, Nevin Gordon. Both W. J. and Thomas Bowen are republicans in their political views and both are members of the Modern Woodmen of America. The father and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowen hold membership in the Congregational church. Both couples are well known and highly esteemed socially, while no one questions the right of the father and son to rank with the representative business men of northern Iowa. They are men of progressive spirit, ruled by more than ordinary intelligence and good judgment. They display a deep earnestness, impelled and fostered by indomitable perseverance, and native justice expresses itself with them in correct principle and practice.

L. R. FISHER.

L. R. Fisher, a farmer residing on section 28, Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, was born near Cresco, in Howard county, Iowa, February 18, 1875, his parents being Henry and Mary (Hawk) Fisher, who are natives of New York and of Pennsylvania respectively. In her girlhood days the mother came to Iowa with her parents, who settled in Cresco. The father served throughout the Civil war and after his discharge made his way to the middle west, he, too, becoming a resident of Iowa. At Marble Rock, this state, he wedded Mary Hawk and soon afterward they took up their abode upon a farm near Cresco. In subsequent years Mr. Fisher made several removals but continued to engage in farming until his retirement from active business, having in the meantime acquired a comfortable competence that now enables him to rest from further labor. At the present writing he is making his home in Bradford, Chickasaw county.

L. R. Fisher was educated in the district schools and was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has made his life work. The year following his marriage he began farming on his own account and for six years carried on agricultural pursuits as a renter. In 1903 he purchased his present home farm, comprising eighty acres, on which he has since lived. He is diligently engaged in the development of the fields and his enterprise and progressiveness have made him one of the successful farmers of the neighborhood.

In 1896 Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Hall, a daughter of John and Mary (Jones) Hall, of Chickasaw county. They have become the parents of seven children, namely: Lloyd, Roy, Vernie, Bernice, Victor, Marjorie and Gertrude Wave.

In his political views Mr. Fisher is a republican but has never been an aspirant for office, as he has preferred to concentrate his thought, efforts and attention upon his business affairs. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and he possesses social qualities that have made for him many friends among his wide acquaintance in Chickasaw county.

H. H. TIMMERMANS.

H. H. Timmermans, a general merchant and one of the progressive citizens of Alta Vista, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, August 30, 1874, a son of Godfred and Hubertena Timmermans, who were natives of Holland, where they were reared and married. In June, 1865, they crossed the Atlantic to the new world and first became residents of Grant county, Wisconsin, where the father purchased a farm, residing thereon to the time of his death, which occurred on the 19th of May, 1891. His wife survived him for about a decade and spent her last years in Alta Vista, where she passed away in February, 1916.