

by steady progress that has followed broad reading and continuous study that has kept him in touch with the latest scientific researches and discoveries of the medical fraternity. During the summer of 1895, while attending the State University of Iowa, he took up three months' special work at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago and in 1900 and once more in 1909 he pursued post-graduate work in the Chicago Post Graduate School. He has ever been actuated by the laudable ambition of making his service of greatest possible benefit to his patients, who have the utmost confidence in him. recognizing the superiority of his methods and his devotion to his professional duties. He is a member of the Chickasaw County Medical Society, the Austin Flint Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In June, 1901, Dr. McKone was united in marriage to Miss Maria Burk, of Chickasaw county, by whom he has a son, John Robert, who is now attending school.

In his political views Dr. McKone is a democrat and is interested in party successes because of his firm belief in the party principles. He served as mayor of Lawler and also as county coroner for one term. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and he belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, also to the Modern Woodmen of America and its ladies' auxiliary, the Royal Neighbors. He has a very wide acquaintance in this section of the state and is held in the highest esteem because of his personal worth as well as his professional powers.

RUSSELL H. PIERCE.

Russell H. Pierce is a partner in the firm of J. W. Pierce & Sons, dealers in country produce, hides and furs at Nashua and maintaining also branch houses at Plainfield and Waverly. The members of this firm are recognized as alert and progressive business men and have built up a trade of large and gratifying proportions.

Russell H. Pierce was born in Richland township, Chickasaw county, on the 30th of August, 1890, a son of John W. and Nettie (Cory) Pierce, the former a native of England, while the latter was born in Wisconsin. The father came to the United States when a child of but six years in company with his parents, who settled in Ohio. There his mother passed away and about 1869 or 1870 the father with his seven children removed to Iowa. After a brief residence in Bremer county he brought his family to Chickasaw county, taking up his abode upon a farm in Richland township, where he purchased eighty acres of land. Upon this farm his son and namesake, John W. Pierce, was reared to manhood, meeting the usual experiences of the farm-bred boy who spends his youth in a frontier district. About 1884 John W. Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Cory and they began their domestic life upon a farm, his attention being devoted to the further development and improvement of his fields until 1891, when he turned his attention to merchandising in Republic, Chickasaw county. For twenty years he conducted his store, meeting with substantial success in the development of his trade. In 1911 he removed to Nashua and for one year was engaged in the restaurant business in company with his two sons, Charles L. and Russell H. In 1912 they bought out the produce business of C. A. Moody, of Nashua, and from that time have steadily prospered in the conduct of their affairs. In 1915 they established a branch house in Plainfield and further extended the scope of their activities by opening a branch house at Waverly in 1919. The business has now grown to large and gratifying proportions, the father and Charles L. Pierce looking after the business in Waverly, while Russell H. Pierce manages the parent house in Nashua. The extent and growth of their trade is indicated by the fact that the amount of their business is now written in six figures and theirs is regarded as one of the most important commercial enterprises of Nashua.

Russell H. Pierce spent his youthful days under the parental roof, devoting his attention largely to the acquirement of a public school education and to such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. Becoming an active assistant of his