

the Board of Trade in the municipal reform convention at Philadelphia in 1894, which organized the National Municipal Reform League, and also represented the same body in the national municipal reform convention in Minneapolis in December of the same year. He is a member of the executive committee of the National Municipal League, and a life member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and is a member of the Minneapolis Library Board. Mr. Crocker is a member of the Presbyterian Church, where the same activity which he manifests in business affairs is enlisted in the cause of religion and good morals. He was married January 3, 1883, to Clara Peabody. They have three children, Ruth, Catharine and Thomas.

#### RICHARD ENOS THOMPSON.



R. E. Thompson is a prominent lawyer and politician of Preston, Fillmore County, Minnesota. Though a native of that county, he is of Norwegian ancestry. His father, Iver Thompson, came from Norway in 1848. He first lived in Chicago, and while there was married to Miss Cecilia Walder. Miss Cecilia was also a native of Norway, but she came to this country with her parents in 1837, settling in Michigan. A few years later they came to Fillmore County and settled on a farm. Here their son Richard was born in the year 1857. He attended the common schools in his vicinity, following the pursuit of enlarging their farm work, afterwards as he grew to manhood, teaching in the district schools of the vicinity. From 1874 to 1879 he taught almost continuously, and at the latter date he commenced the study of law in the office of Judge H. R. Wells at Preston, Minnesota, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1881, and entered into partnership with Judge A. D. Gray, under the firm name of Gray & Thompson. The firm opened an office and commenced practice in Preston. They have been very successful and have built up an extensive law business, which they still enjoy. For the last ten years Mr. Thompson, with his brother, A. W. Thompson, has also been in the abstract business of Fillmore

County, the office being maintained under the name of Thompson Brothers having the original and only set of abstract books and tract index of Fillmore County. Mr. Thompson has always been a Republican. At an early date he took an interest in the local politics and soon became an influential man in his county. He was deputy clerk in the district court of Fillmore County from 1881 to 1885. In the fall of 1882 he was elected as a member of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature. During the session which followed he was one of the few who voted for the Hon. William Windom from first to last in the memorable struggle in which Windom was defeated by D. M. Sabin. In 1885 Mr. Thompson was re-elected to the House of Representatives and served with honor during that term. In November, 1894, he was elected to the State Senate for four years, ending in 1898. From 1890 to 1895 he was a member of the State Central Republican Committee. More than ten years ago Mr. Thompson became a Master Mason, and is now a Knights Templar in the Malta Commandery, No. 25, at Preston. On December 16, 1884, he was married to Anna Thompson, and they have two children, Victor C. born September 26, 1885 and Inez born May 13, 1891.

*Pres. pro tem, Senate, 1903, 1905*