

THEODORE G. THOMPSON

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Theodore G. Thompson, of Cooperstown, operating extensively in the field of real estate and senior partner in the Thompson-McDermot Company, which is engaged in merchandising, was born at Herring Lake, Jackson county, Minnesota, in October, 1877, a son of Knute Thompson. He was the eldest of four children and was but five years of age when brought to Cooperstown, where he pursued his education in the public schools, afterward continuing his studies in the University of North Dakota. In 1897 he opened a general store in Finley, where he remained until 1903, when he disposed of his interest in that place and entered business circles in Cooperstown in partnership with his brother, T. A. Thompson, who later took up the profession of law and is now district judge at Kalispell, Montana. The brothers conducted their mercantile interests under the firm style of Thompson Brothers and the partnership was maintained until 1906, when T. A. Thompson was succeeded by J. H. McDermot and George K. Houghton under the firm style of the Thompson-McDermot Company. Their store, which would be a credit to a city of much larger size than Cooperstown, is at the corner of Burrel and Ninth streets, in the center of the business district. Their building is fifty by one hundred feet. They carry a complete and well selected line of general merchandise, for which they find a ready sale. They are most careful in the personnel of the house, in the line of goods carried and in the treatment accorded patrons and their stock displays many of the most attractive features offered by domestic and foreign markets. In January, 1915, Mr. Thompson joined H.S. Halverson, H.P. Hammer, and G.H. Condy in organizing the Thompson-Halverson Land Company and to the conduct of their real estate business Mr. Thompson is now largely devoting his time and energies, handling an extensive amount of land belonging to the company and to its individual members. This company has been instrumental in bringing in many new settlers and locating them under favorable conditions. Personally Mr. Thompson has valuable farm holdings which are operated by renters. He is also the vice president of the Sutton Mercantile Company of Sutton, North Dakota.

On the 6th of June, 1906, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Helga M. Hammer, a daughter of H. P. Hammer, a leading business man of Cooperstown, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Their children are Kenneth Howard, Mary Helen, and Eleanor.

Mr. Thompson is a prominent Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine, and he is a trustee of the Northern Light Masonic Temple Association which is erecting in Cooperstown a thirty-five thousand dollar building for Masonic uses exclusively. He is also a member of the Sons of Norway and he possesses many of the sterling traits for which the citizens who have come from the land of the midnight sun are justly famous. Diligence and determination are accounted among his salient characteristics and have enabled him to accomplish his purposes, which have ever had their root in laudable ambition that has been a spur to honorable endeavor.