



honorable record as a soldier. Jacob's wife was Nettie H. (Downing) Godfrey, who, before her marriage, resided at Rye Beach, New Hampshire. She was a school teacher by profession, and is known to literature as a writer of verse and an author of some distinction. The Godfrey family have been citizens of Hampton, New Hampshire and vicinity since the town was settled in 1638. The complete genealogy of the family is given in the history of Hampton, and several of this sturdy New England family have rendered efficient service in the several wars on behalf of their country, from the Revolutionary War to the last great conflict. Percy Downing was born at Hampton, March 12, 1871. He attended the public schools and Hampton Academy and High School, graduating with honors in 1887. He was chosen by his class as the class poet. He came to Minnesota in 1887, and located in St. Paul, where he secured a position in the law office of Judge A. C. Hickman, and began there the study of law. Later he took the law course in the University of Minnesota, graduating with the class of 1892 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar on his twenty-first birthday, receiving his diploma through the State Board of Examiners and Su-

preme Court. On the same day, March 12, 1892, he formed a partnership with Arthur G. Otis, of St. Paul, under the style of Otis & Godfrey, succeeding the firm of C. E. & A. G. Otis, C. E. Otis having been elevated to the district bench. Mr. Godfrey is now in active practice. In politics his affiliations are with the Republican party. He was secretary of the Ramsey County congressional convention in 1892, and in 1896 secretary of the Fourth Congressional District convention to select delegates to the National Republican convention; has served on the city and county committees, and he is at present serving on the Republican Executive Committee. He has always taken an active part in the promotion of Republican principles. Although offered offices of trust, he has declined nomination, preferring to devote his time to his professional duties. In 1893 he declined the appointment of assistant city attorney of St. Paul. He is now United States Commissioner of the United States Court of Claims. Mr. Godfrey is vice-chancellor of St. Paul Lodge Knights of Pythias and a member of the Odd Fellows, Elks and Masons. His church connections are with the Congregational body, and he holds the office of secretary of the board of trustees of Bethany church. He was married June 30, 1892, to Minnie R. Lawton, of St. Paul. They have two children, Otis Hickman and Gladys Elizabeth.

CORNELIUS B. SHOVE.

C. B. Shove is of a family which traces its line for two hundred and fifty years, to the early settlement of New England. Alonzo Shove, father of Mr. C. B. Shove, was a manufacturer of boots and shoes at Syracuse, New York, where Cornelius was born November 8, 1844. Six years later the family moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where the son passed his boyhood, and received the common school education available in a country village. When he was thirteen years old he entered a banking and insurance office at Manitowoc. In this position, which he occupied for eleven years, he acquired a practical training in business which fitted him for the responsible



position which he has since attained in the insurance business in this city. Mr. Shove's first experience in insurance was in 1868, when he entered the employment of the late J. B. Bennett, of Cincinnati, an old and successful insurance manager. For a while Mr. Shove was stationed at Macon, Missouri, as a local agent. When the Andes Insurance Company was organized at Cincinnati, Mr. Shove removed to that city, and was appointed special agent of the company. In this position he traveled widely and acquired a large experience in general insurance matters, and in the management of the company's affairs. Afterwards he was appointed state agent of the company for Iowa. The Andes was ruined by the great Chicago and Boston fire, and for several years he was engaged as special agent and adjuster of several companies. In the year 1878 he came to Minneapolis, and after a short time organized the Millers and Manufacturers' Insurance Company. This company was organized under a new law authorizing a combination of stock and mutual plans. It was something of an innovation upon established insurance theories, but has proved a complete success. The Millers and Manufacturers' Insurance Company commenced business on May 1, 1881. It is essen-

tially a mutual company, distributing to such of its policy holders as come under the mutual agreement, the surplus of premiums paid by them, over the actual cost of the insurance. Mr. Shove has been Secretary and General Manager of the company since its organization, until a few years since he became its President. He is an inveterate worker, and enthusiastic in his business, and proud of the success of his company. In 1883 Mr. Shove was married to Mrs. Carrie A. Norton, of Chicago. They live at 1002 Hawthorn avenue, Minneapolis.

WALTER LOUIS BADGER.

Walter Louis Badger is a native of Wisconsin. He was born at Fond du Lac, May 27, 1868, the son of George A. Badger, for years a successful merchant in that city, and Harriet E. Hastings (Badger.) Both parents came from good New England stock, and were natives of Massachusetts. Walter Louis attended the pub-



lic schools until he was fourteen, when, ambitious to earn money to get into business, he left school. In the meantime his parents had moved, in 1878, to Minneapolis, and when Walter began