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Mr. Markham, though but twenty-two years of age, represents the progressive spirit which dominates the entire region. As a real estate dealer, and loan and insurance operator, he has more than fulfilled the requisites of a loyal citizen by the "boosting" he has done for Bemidji and Beltrami county, and as a result he ranks among the wealthiest men in this vicinity.

Mr. Markham, whose portrait appears elsewhere in this souvenir edition, settled in this city in the year 1898, coming from St. Hillaire, Minn. He was but sixteen years of age when he entered into the hotel business with his father, the late J. M. Markham, who ten years ago established the Markham hotel, the only first class hostelry in the city and in that capacity he served up to the time of the demise of his father, when he transferred the management of that widely known hotel to Mr. F. S. Lycan.

Mr. Markham first saw the light of day at Aitkin, Minn. He received but a common school training, but he assimilated that which he learned to the extent that he now superintends the largest individual interests to be found hereabouts. He controls options on about 30,000 acres of farm lands, he is an extensive holder of city and town property, including the commodious Markham hotel, the largest building in Bemidji, and he is in a position to buy, sell or trade any nature of property of value.

Mr. Markham is among the progressive younger set who are rapidly developing this portion of the state. He is a genial young fellow who impels friendships, who does things worth doing, and our thousands of readers may depend upon it that Mr. Markham will at no far distant day be one of the most widely known business men in the state.

**BEMIDJI SHOE HOUSE.**

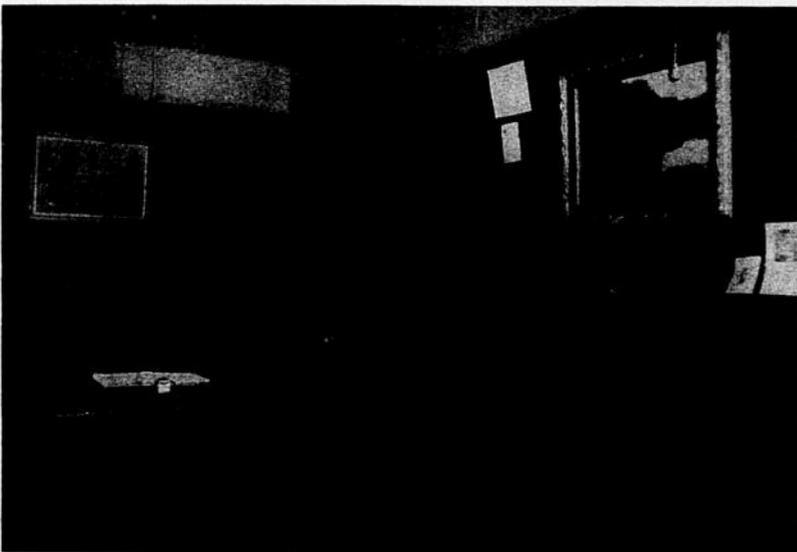
This widely-known shoe store requires no special mention at our hands, but since Mr. VanPelt is among the foremost "boosters" of the town, it is well that he receive the attention of this Souvenir Edition, so our thousands of readers may know to a certainty who is and who is not lending their obligatory services to the city.

This popular store made its bow to the public two years ago, in a little shop around the corner, and has steadily advanced to its present prominent position among the leading commercial enterprises of Beltrami county.

Mr. Kachelhoffer has been identified with this business since its earliest days, an untiring worker in all its many advancements, employing his every effort to satisfy the wants of its many patrons, his success has been gratifying in making tired and aching feet, large and small, his grateful friends. The repairing department of this house is unsurpassed. Mr. VanPelt has been very fortunate in the services of Mr. Mettet, whose quick perception to correct the worn sole, down-trod heel and other ailments of the good old shoe, has made for the house many appreciative admirers.

Dress shoes, work shoes, in fact, all kinds of shoes, high cut, low cut, carried by this store are the very best the ingenuity of the most skilled artisan, with the choicest materials, can produce, is the verdict of many.

In short, the Bemidji Shoe House needs no further commendation. A laudable record in business residence and personal contact with the every-day public, garnished with complimentary expression and friendly sentiment, is all that any firm should desire. The Bemidji Shoe House has invoked these flattering feelings, thus we simply state to our thousands of readers that Mr. VanPelt represents all that is safe, genuine and legitimate.



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