

laume Lefebvre, of the Sugar Bush; Eugène Nasé, of Rosière; Jean Anquinet, of Gardner, near Little Sturgeon Bay; Grégoire Denis, of Bay Settlement; and a few others unknown to the writer.

During the past twenty-five years, the Belgian settlers in Brown, Kewaunee, and Door counties have enjoyed marked prosperity. During that time, hundreds of families have come over from Belgium to seek their fortune in the settlements, while many of the old settlers have disposed of their farms and lands, sold out their rural interests, and moved into the city of Green Bay. At this date (1893), Green Bay has somewhat over 10,000 inhabitants,<sup>1</sup> one-fourth of whom are Belgians by birth or by descent. Here again, their intelligence and business qualifications are fully demonstrated. We find them marching abreast with their fellow citizens, favoring all and every improvement of a public nature, when for the public good. We find them engaged in all manner of vocations. We find some of them elected to honorable and responsible offices, not as Belgians, but as American citizens, known for their competency. We find them active members on the board of education, on the county board, and in the city council. We find some of them elected to the responsible offices of city treasurer, city clerk, city assessor, chief of police, and justice of peace and police justice. We find them equally active in business.<sup>2</sup> Many of the Belgian firms are among the largest and most enterprising in

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<sup>1</sup> In 1895, Green Bay annexed Fort Howard, which gave her, in the State census of this year, a population of 18,290.

<sup>2</sup> Chief among these are: Arthur, Félicité and Frank J. B. Duchateau; Florian and Jules V. De Cremer; Benjamin and Raphael Fontaine; John M. Franssens; Florentine Frisque; Théo. Duchateau; Labart and Muller; Charles Lecomte; Edward and Gilbert Lefebvre; John Looze; Désiré Hoslet; Clément Massey; Léopold Lefebvre; David and Sam. B. Détienne; Gustave and Joseph Cauwenbergh; Élie and Joseph Gotto; Joseph Piraux; Mrs. Marie V. De Both; Frank Piraux; Raphael Soquet; Emil and Mrs. Octavia Van Dycke; Peter Muller; Jules Parmentier; Charles, Michel, and Thomas Joannes.