

tional Church, he takes an active interest and for a period of twenty years was superintendent of the Sunday school of that organization.

**John C. Cahalan**, long known as one of the most prominent business men in Wyandotte, has been identified in official capacities with some of the city's most successful manufacturing and banking enterprises for many years, and this eminence in the industrial life of the community has been attained through close attention to his business and the application of those qualities of initiative and resourcefulness that have marked his career throughout. A son of James and Mary (Mulfahy) Cahalan, both of whom were natives of Ireland and came to the United States in the early fifties, he was born at Wyandotte, July 2, 1859, obtaining his early education in the public schools of his native place. Subsequently, he augmented this schooling by a course of study in a business college. His first employment was found in the drug store of John S. Bennett in Wyandotte, and after four years spent there, he entered the employ of C. W. Thomas, who was engaged in the same work. Here he remained eight years, gaining a knowledge of the drug business and retail store management that stood him in good stead when he went into business at the end of that time with his brother, the enterprise being a general store with a drug business in conjunction with it. The brothers opened their store in 1879, but the experience of John Cahalan prior to this in the drug business made this branch of their enterprise so successful that the store was given over entirely to retail drug work in 1882. Following the death of his brother, Richard E. Cahalan, in 1909, John Cahalan turned over the store to his nephew, John F. McInimey, and took up the duties of deputy clerk of the Wayne County Circuit Court at Detroit, a post to which he had been recently appointed. In 1894, Mr. Cahalan had been appointed chief deputy internal revenue collector, a position that he retained ten years, and in 1896, after completing a two years' course at the Detroit College of Law, he was admitted to the bar. However, since he gave up his court work, Mr. Cahalan has devoted the major part of his time to his extensive real estate and banking interests, with the result that he is today one of the most influential men in Wyandotte in those fields of endeavor. Today, he is vice-president of the Wyandotte Savings Bank and has played no small part in shaping the progressive policies of that institution. His other large interests in commercial and industrial circles include, among others, the presidency of the Majestic Theater Corporation and a directorship of the Detroit Metal Spinning Company. On October 6, 1882, he married Anna Hogan, daughter of John H. and Mary (O'Mera) Hogan, of Ionia, Michigan, and she died on November 25, 1919, leaving these children: John C., Jr., a journalist of Wyandotte; Richard E., Wyandotte physician; W. Leo, an attorney engaged in general practice with Charles F. Delridge, of Detroit, and the city attorney of Wyandotte who framed the present charter of the city, having been city attorney

