

out the other heirs and now owns a total of about four hundred and fifteen acres, on which he for years carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, but is now retired from active labor, renting his farm. He formerly raised a large quantity of grain, also large numbers of cattle and hogs, and shipped many carloads of live stock to the market annually. He has a modern home, large barns and other first-class improvements. There is a large, fine grove by his home, which he set out many years ago.

Politically, Mr. Sliper is a Republican. He has been township treasurer since 1887 and in other ways has taken an active and an earnest interest in the general public affairs of the community in which he has lived since pioneer days.

C. B. BRODINE.

C. B. Brodine, manager of the Felton Elevator Company at Felton, Clay county, was born in Sweden, September 29, 1855. He is a son of C. B. and Anna (Henrickson) Brodine, both natives of Sweden, where they grew up, married and established their home; in fact, spent their lives in their native country. The father was engaged in the banking business. To these parents eight children were born.

C. B. Brodine grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the public schools. In 1882 he immigrated to America and the first few years of his residence here traveled extensively, visiting places of interest all over the United States. About 1887 he located on a farm near Luce, in Otter Tail county, Minnesota, carrying on general farming there several years. Later he bought and sold grain, also handled lumber. He came to Clay county, about 1898, locating on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, four miles south of Felton, and continued farming there until 1905, when he rented out his land and moved to Felton and has since been manager of the Felton Elevator Company, building up a large and growing business. He handles feed, grain, flour, fuel and machinery.

Mr. Brodine was married on November 14, 1890, to Ida Rasmuson, who was born in Wisconsin, a daughter of B. F. and Margarett (Larson) Rasmuson, natives of Denmark. To Mr. and Mrs. Brodine six children have been born, Anna E., Ruth E., Ada M., Alonzo G., Calvin J. and Philip O.

Politically, Mr. Brodine is a Democrat. While living on the farm in Flowing township he served for some time as chairman of the township

board, also as assessor and clerk of the school district. Since locating in Felton he has been a member of the village council, clerk of the school district, and is at this writing clerk of Felton township. As a public servant he has performed his duties in a faithful and satisfactory manner, and is always deeply interested in public affairs.

NELS HAMMER.

One of the leading farmers of Goose Prairie township, Clay county, is Nels Hammer, who was born, May 3, 1862, in Norway. He is a son of Nicholi and Inge (Torreson) Hammer, both natives of Norway, where they lived and died, the father passing away at the early age of thirty-eight, when his son, Nels, was five years old. He owned and operated a farm in his native land. His widow survived to 1881, reaching the age of fifty-seven years. They were parents of the following children: Mary, who is married and lives on the old homestead in Norway; Tom, who died when three years of age; Tom (second), who is a road master in Norway, having been in railroad service there many years; Olaf, who came to Minnesota, and is farming a place of two hundred and forty acres in Keene township, Clay county; Margaretta, who died in Norway, and Nels, the subject of this sketch.

Nels Hammer spent his boyhood in Norway and there attended school. He came to America in 1882, coming directly to Minnesota. After working one summer for Peter Nelson on his farm in Eglon township, Clay county, he went to Wisconsin, spent one year in the lumber camps at Rice Lake, then went to Drummond, that state, and continued to work in the timber and in a saw-mill there for three and one-half years. He returned to Clay county in 1886 and during the summer of that year worked on the Northern Pacific railroad—the branch through the village of Hitterdal. He worked for Ole Gunderson the next winter, then on a farm for one year. He then purchased his present farm of eighty acres in section 33, Goose Prairie township, later buying another eighty, and he now owns a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres. It was all raw land when he bought it and he has placed it under a fine state of cultivation, erected a substantial group of buildings, set out a grove and otherwise improved it. Mr. Hammer carries on general and mixed farming and raises a good grade of Shorthorn cattle. He is one of the pioneers of his community and was the first man to