

quist, for the Norman county draft, and in that capacity has been rendering excellent service. The Doctor's surviving kinsman is an only brother, Dr. Eugene Holmes.

Doctor Holmes is possessed of many pronounced natural attributes, and brings to his labors in any direction a virile personality. While firm in his convictions, he is none the less tolerant of the opinions of others, and is held in high regard in and about the county and outside of it. He is an extensive reader and student, well versed in world history and is accounted one of the foremost scholars in the county. He has written many articles on sanitary science and the prevention of disease, especially in schools, and which have been published in the local press and copied into many papers in the larger centers. Doctor Holmes assisted in the preparation of the history of the medical profession in Norman county for the historical portion of this work.

C. JOHN SALOMONSON.

One of the energetic tillers of the soil in Highland Grove township, Clay county, is C. John Salomonson, who not only seems to know how to carry on the various departments of modern agriculture, but when to do a thing and when not to do it, which requires discriminating tact.

Mr. Salomonson was born in Sweden, May 19, 1866. He is a son of Bent Salomon and Anna Breta (Johnson) Peterson, both natives of Sweden, where they grew up, married and spent their lives on a farm, dying there. They never came to America. To these parents six children were born, named as follow: C. John, the subject of this sketch; August Wilhelm, Stena, Gustav, Arne and Mange. They are all living at this writing.

The subject of this review spent his boyhood on the home farm in Sweden, and there he attended the common schools. He went to school only two days in the United States. He came to this country in 1889, locating at once in Sibley county, Minnesota, where he worked one year, then crossed the line into Nicolett county, remaining there a year, then spent two years in Brown county, working out as a farm hand all these years. He then farmed for himself on rented land in Nicolett county. He then came to Clay county and located in Highland Grove township on the farm on which he still lives. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and is now owner of a finely improved and productive farm of two hundred and sixty-five acres. Ninety-six acres are in Clay county

and the rest in Becker county, just across the line, but all in one body. He has made all the necessary improvements on the place, which ranks among the best farms of his locality. He has a splendid set of buildings, a good orchard, etc. He cleared about forty acres himself, which was covered with grubs.

Mr. Salomonson was married in May, 1895, to Jennie Matina Johanson, who was born in Sweden, where she spent her girlhood and attended school. She came to America about 1892, locating in Sibley county, Minnesota. Her parents lived and died in Sweden. To Mr. and Mrs. Salomonson eight children were born, all living at this writing, named as follow: Anna Eliabeth, Gustav Robert, Albert Harry, Henry Merwin, Clarence, Leonard Edwin, Carl O'scar, and Clifford Leroy. Mr. Salomonson is a member of the Lutheran church, which he attends with his family regularly.

MARTIN OLSON.

Martin Olson, who is engaged in the hotel and ice business in Moorhead, was born in Norway, November 23, 1875. He is a son of Marthinus and Caroline (Lund) Olson, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, were married and established their permanent home. The mother died some years ago, but the father is still actively engaged in farming there despite his advanced age. He has also been a sailor during a considerable portion of his life. The maternal grandparents were Iver and Anne (Lansem) Lund, both natives of Norway. Mr. Lund came to America in 1861 and enlisted in the Union army for service in the Civil War, proving to be an excellent and faithful soldier. After being honorably discharged and mustered out he returned to Norway, where his death occurred of ailments brought on by exposure while in the American army. His wife came to Minnesota, locating in Hawley, Clay county, about 1887 and there her death occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Lund four children were born, namely: Anne, Christine, Mary and Martin. They all came to Hawley, Minnesota, about the year 1884, and there established their future homes.

Martin Olson grew to manhood in Norway and there attended the common schools. He came to America in 1890, locating at Hawley, Clay county, and he worked out as a farm hand in that vicinity for seven years; then went to work for the North Dakota Ice Company at Fargo, remaining with that firm for three years. He then purchased the property and