

circle of friends who hold him in the highest regard. In 1875, the voters of his district, recognizing his ability and integrity, elected him to the Legislature, a position he held for several terms, with credit to himself and honor to his constituents. He was later elected to the fifty-first Congress of the United States and served in that body with distinction.

In the year 1874, Solomon G. Comstock was united in marriage to Sarah Ball, a lady of high intellectual ability, and one held in the highest regard and esteem. She has devoted her life to the interest of her husband, her family and the good that she might do in the community in which she has lived. To this union three children have been born: Ada Louise, Jessie M. and George M. Mr. and Mrs. Comstock are most hospitable people and by their pleasing personalities and high ideals have had an elevating and substantial influence on the moral, educational and civic life of the district.

Since coming to the state Mr. Comstock has taken the greatest interest in all local affairs, and has taken a prominent part in all enterprises that had a tendency to the greater growth and advancement of his section of the state. He secured the location of the State Normal School at Moorhead and donated to the state the site occupied by that institution. His greatest desire at all times, has been for the general welfare of the community. His work in the real-estate business has given him an enviable position from which to work for a greater and a better community, in one of the greatest sections of one of the greatest states in the Union.

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#### CHARLES F. SCHINDLER.

Charles F. Schindler, one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Barnesville township, owner of eight hundred and eighty acres of prime land in that township and one hundred and sixty acres in Canada, breeder of a choice strain of Hereford cattle, is a native of Germany, but has been living in this country since he was nineteen years of age. He was born on October 4, 1853, a son of Joseph and Catherine Schindler, who lived and died in Germany.

Joseph Schindler was born in Germany in 1814, was educated in the schools of that country and for the remainder of his life followed the occupation of a farmer. He died in his native land in 1868 at the age of fifty-four years. His wife, Catherine Schindler, was also born in Germany in 1817 and died in 1879, being then sixty-two years of age. They were the

parents of eleven children, Alexander (deceased), Ferdinand (deceased), Joseph, Angus T., Charles, Louisa, Fedoria, Marie, Barbara, Catherine and Christine. These parents were prominent and influential residents of their home locality.

Charles F. Schindler was educated in the excellent schools of Germany and for a few years he helped his father on the farm. In 1872, at the age of nineteen years, he immigrated to the United States and went on to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for six months. He then went to the city of St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked for two and a half years, at the end of which time he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1878 he came to Clay county and took a tree claim of one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 14, Barnesville township, and on this place he is now living. He immediately set to work to break the land and put out crops and he was successful in his agricultural operations from the very beginning. He continued to add to his land holdings as time went on, and he is now the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres of the best quality of land in Barnesville township, two hundred acres of which, in section 23, he has rented. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is accounted one of the most substantial farmers in this section of the county. He has carried out a systematic series of improvements and his outbuildings and dwelling house are among the best in the district. In addition to his land holdings in Clay county, Mr. Schindler is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land across the border in Canada. On his home place he plants about eighty acres of potatoes, and his cattle, forty-two head of Herefords, are of the best strain obtainable.

On June 10, 1888, Charles F. Schindler was united in marriage to Fannie Moran, who was born on October 18, 1866, in Paris, France, and who came with her parents to America in 1872. Her parents are now dead. To Mr. and Mrs. Schindler the following children were born: August, who resides in Canada; Charlie, the captain of a vessel, who makes his home at San Diego, California; Christian, on the home farm; Louise, who died in 1915; Victoria, wife of E. F. McDunn, of Barnesville; Madeline, a nurse in the Fargo Hospital, and Cecelia, at home. Mr. Schindler gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, with special reference to educational matters, and served several years as a director of the school board. He was also a member of the township board for a long period and in each of these public offices he applied himself to the duties with ability and energy. The family are members of the Barnesville Catholic church.