

Club. He has never been a seeker after office, yet he has taken the keenest interest in local affairs and has had much to do with the civic life of the district. While living in Canada, he was a member of the Canadian Volunteers and saw active service in the Fenian Raid, and held a commission as lieutenant. Mr. Adams is a man of much force of character and is a leader in the various organizations of which he is a member. He has lived a useful and active life and is today known as one of the prominent men of Moorhead.

FRANK P. THOMPSON.

Frank P. Thompson, proprietor of a well-kept farm in Elmwood township, Clay county, and one of the pioneers of that neighborhood, is a native of the kingdom of Denmark, but has been a resident of this county since he was nineteen years of age and of Minnesota since 1880, the year in which he homesteaded the tract on which he is now living and where he has made his home since his marriage in the year following his location there. He was born in 1852, son of Peter and Cecelia (Johanson) Thompson, also natives of Denmark, industrious farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land.

Reared on the home farm in Denmark, Frank P. Thompson received his schooling in his native schools and he remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, when, in 1871, he came to the United States and located at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where for two years thereafter he was engaged working in the lumber mills and in the big timber adjacent to that place. He then went to Okoma, in that same state, and a short time afterward went over into the big timber region of Michigan, where he worked for some time in the lumber woods. He then returned to Wisconsin and located at Oshkosh, where he became acquainted with Thomas McCabe and in 1880 the two of them came over into this part of Minnesota and homesteaded neighboring quarter sections in Elmwood township, Clay county. In the next year, 1881, Mr. Thompson married and established his home on his quarter section, but Mr. McCabe did not settle on his tract until after his marriage in 1883. The old neighbors are still living alongside each other and the fine neighborly relations established back in the days of their pioneering together have remained altogether amicable and wholly undisturbed all these years; the fine friendship which sprang up between the two young men from a foreign shore, for Mr. McCabe also is of European birth, a

native of the Emerald Isle, remaining as firm as in the days when it was cemented by their mutual interest upon coming up here into the Red River country to look for homes. Mr. Thompson has improved his place in admirable shape and has been quite successful in his operations, for years having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood.

In 1881 Frank P. Thompson was united in marriage to Katie A. Galignan, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and to this union five children have been born, Stephen, Thomas, Marie, Marjorie and Katheryn, all of whom are living. The Thompsons have a very pleasant home on their well-kept farm and from the days of the beginning of their residence there have ever given their thoughtful attention to the general improvement of the community in which they have lived since the days of the pioneers.

JOHN CONNELLY.

John Connelly, proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Glyndon township, and one of the best-known young farmers in that part of Clay county, was born on a pioneer farm in that township on April 10, 1883, son of Patrick and Bridget (Lundy) Connelly, natives of Ireland, who became pioneers of this section of Minnesota and the latter of whom is still living on the old homestead farm in Glyndon township, where the family settled about the year 1880.

It was in 1877 that Patrick Connelly and his wife came to the United States from their native Ireland and located in New York City. Not long afterward they moved to Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1879, Patrick Connelly started West on a prospecting tour and his good fortune directed his way up here into the Red River country, his destination being Moorhead. Becoming deeply impressed with the possibilities of this region, Mr. Connelly returned East and in the fall of that same year brought his family here and located at Moorhead. Three years later, he settled on the farm in Glyndon township, where he established his permanent home and where he spent the rest of his life, a well-to-do farmer, his death occurring there on May 12, 1912. Patrick Connelly from the very beginning of his residence there took an active part in local civic affairs and for fifteen years, or more, served his home township in the important capacity of a member of the board of supervisors, and in other ways contributed of his time and his energies to the public service. He and his wife were