

general merchandise and hardware business, which he carried on with ever-growing success until in October, 1916. He carried a large and well selected stock of goods, everything wanted by a farming community, and his customers came from over a wide territory. Upon the last mentioned date he traded his store for his present farm in section 28, Felton township, Clay county. He is the owner of the entire east one-half of the section, and has a valuable and well-improved farm, on which he is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully. He raises large numbers of live stock which he prepares for the market, and he is also engaged in a dairying business and finds a very ready market for his products. His property adjoins the town of Felton, and is admirably located for dairy purposes. Mr. Possehl has a family and a cozy home and good and substantial buildings for farm and dairy work. He has a large silo and commodious barn and is well equipped for handling stock.

THOMAS L. TODD.

Thomas L. Todd, the owner of four hundred acres of fine land in Hendrum township, Norman county, where he raises stock and carries on general farming, was born on July 25, 1876, in Montreal, Canada, the son of Samuel and Eliza (Ligget) Todd, the former of whom was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, where he received his education and married Eliza Jane Ligget in 1869. While he lived in Canada he was a farmer, but the opportunities for men in such work being better farther West, he moved with his family to Minnesota, and bought land in section 30 of Hendrum township, Norman county, becoming an important land-owner and grain farmer, having eight hundred acres in the home place, four hundred elsewhere and at one time was the owner of about two thousand acres. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, namely: John A., a grain dealer in Duluth, Minnesota; Roxana Margaret, who lives in Minneapolis; Samuel F., living at Seattle, Washington; Thomas L., a farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county; William Thornton, deceased; Chester A., of Seattle, Washington, and Victor Charles, who lives on the old home place. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, in the affairs of which they have always taken an active and conscientious part. On the death of Samuel Todd, in January, 1907, his widow removed to Minneapolis, where she has since lived, leaving the care of her holdings to her sons.

Thomas L. Todd spent the early years of his childhood in the province of Quebec, Canada, and was four years of age when his parents came to Minnesota and located south of the village of Hendrum, where he attended the local schools. Later he entered Fargo College, and after he had finished his schooling there returned to the home place and began his very successful career on the farm. Soon after he began farming on the home place, where he derived much useful experience in wresting the treasures from the soil, he decided to extend his operations by purchasing some land on his own account. He has increased his holdings until now he has four hundred acres of fine land, which he has improved by skillful cultivation and by the erection of modern farm buildings; he also farms four hundred acres for his mother. At the present time he is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs, in addition to his general farming pursuits.

On May 23, 1901, Mr. Todd was united in marriage to Lillie M. Vanstrum, who was born at Kirkhoven, near Willmar, Minnesota, May 14, 1879, the daughter of C. W. and Ida (Bunting) Vanstrum, natives of Ohio, who came to Minnesota and located at Dassel, where both died, he being eighty years of age at the time of his death and she, eighty-two. To this union have been born the following children: Earl, who died; Arnet, Kenneth, Glenn and Lester. Mr. Todd and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, in the affairs of which they have been active. Politically he is independent. In addition to his most successful efforts in up-to-date farming, Mr. Todd gives a good citizen's attention to the local affairs of his community.

JENS N. LANDRO.

Jens N. Landro, the proprietor of two hundred and forty acres of well-improved land in Hendrum township, where he carries on general farming and stock raising, was born on his father's homestead in this township, February 8, 1880, the son of Nels J. and Anna (Stordahl) Landro, both natives of Norway, where they grew up and married. In 1876, one year after the latter's father and mother, John O. and Janetta (Beckdahl) Stordahl, came to America, Mr. and Mrs. Landro decided to follow their example and located in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they remained three years. Learning what opportunities awaited them in Norman county where Mrs.