

advocate of its doctrines and policies. His good business sense and unimpeachable integrity have so commended him to his neighbors that he has frequently been called to local offices of trust, having served the residents of Sundahl township as road supervisor, township assessor for nine years and is now engrossed in the educational progress of his community as school clerk. The co-operative enterprises of his neighborhood have received his unstinted support and he helped to organize the Sundahl Mercantile Company, of which he is now manager.

JOHN A. DORSETH.

John A. Dorseth, who is engaged in the hardware, furniture and undertaking business at the village of Flom, in Norman county, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, February 25, 1871, son of Andrew H. and Helen (Amlie) Dorseth, natives of Norway, the former born at Toten, who came to this country in 1870 and became pioneer settlers in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where they remained until 1879, when they came up into this part of Minnesota, where the former is still living, one of the best-known pioneers of Norman county.

Upon coming up here into the Red River country in 1879, Andrew Dorseth homesteaded a quarter of a section of land on the northern edge of Becker county, adjoining Norman county, and there established his home, remaining there until 1886, in which year he moved over into Flom township, Norman county, and settled on a farm in section 29 of that township, where his wife died in July, 1910, and where he is still living. He is a member of the Lutheran (Synod) church, as was his wife, and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, having two brothers, Hans and Andrew, and a sister, Augusta.

John A. Dorseth was but eight years of age when his parents came up here into the Red River country and he grew to manhood on the home farm, thoroughly familiar with pioneer conditions in this section and received his schooling in the schools of Flom township. As a young man he became engaged in well-drilling and farming and after his marriage established his home on the old homestead quarter section at the edge of Becker county, which he still owns and where he made his home for seven years, or until in May, 1903, when he left the farm and moved to the village of Flom,

where he became engaged in the general hardware, furniture and undertaking business and has ever since been thus engaged, his establishment being one of the best-known places of business in that thriving village. Mr. Dorseth also has given considerable attention to the general business affairs of the village and has served as a member of the board of directors of the Farmers State Bank of Flom, for two terms as treasurer of the Flom Creamery Company and for three years as secretary of the same. He served for about six years as justice of the peace and is the present constable of Flom township.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorseth, the latter of whom, before her marriage, was Louise Carlson, have six children, Adolph, Hilda, Anton, Laurence, Jonnette and Selma. The family are members of the Lutheran (Synod) church and take an interested part in church work.

JOHN DANIELSON.

The late John Danielson, for years one of the prosperous and highly esteemed pioneer farmers of Clay county and the proprietor of broad acres and a comfortable home in Moland township, was a native of Sweden, as was his wife, but had resided in this country since 1871, a pioneer of this section of the Red River valley. He was born in Kronsbergslau on August 2, 1838, and in 1864 was married in his native land to Johannah Peterson. In 1871 he and his wife left Sweden and came to Minnesota with a view to making a home for themselves in the new country. They secured a pony and an old buggy placed their few belongings in the vehicle and started out for Clay county, the wife riding and himself trudging along on foot. They neither understood nor could speak English and their experiences on this journey over the plains were laughable as well as pathetic. They arrived at Glyndon during the summer and Mr. Danielson secured employment on the reception building and shelter house which the railroad company was erecting at that place for the accommodation of emigrants. The wages thus secured provided for the winter and he also was able to buy a cow. He homesteaded in section 18, where he put up a sod house. He bought land in section 17 of Moland township, and he and his wife began their home-making in the new country. After a season of patient labor Mr. Danielson bought a yoke of oxen and with these began the improvement of his place, the result in due time becoming apparent in his broad, well-cultivated fields