

pletion of his term of service in that office he engaged in the coal business at Moorhead and later became proprietor of the old Columbia Hotel. When that building was destroyed by fire Mr. Holbeck went to Minneapolis, where for a time he was engaged in the retail liquor business, but he presently returned to Moorhead and resumed the proprietorship of the New Columbia Hotel and has since been conducting the house, one of the most popular hotels in this part of the country. In addition to the official positions above mentioned as having been held by Mr. Holbeck, he also for some time served as state game warden for this district and in that capacity did much to help preserve the native game out of season.

OLE H. HOGSTAD.

Among the persevering and energetic farmers of Oak Port township, Clay county, is Ole H. Hogstad, who was born in Norway, September 4, 1861. He is a son of Helge and Ingeborg (Nelson) Hogstad, both natives of Norway, where they lived and died on a farm. Their family consisted of four children, namely: Ingeborg, Bertha (deceased), Jacob and Ole H.

Ole H. Hogstad grew to manhood in Norway and there attended the public schools. In 1884 he emigrated to America, coming directly to Moorhead, Minnesota, and for some time he worked as a farm laborer in Clay county and has resided here ever since. He worked on farms along the Buffalo river for nine years, then rented land in Oak Port township for seven years, operating one hundred and sixty acres just across the road from where he now lives; but in the meantime he had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land where he now resides. He moved on this land in 1899 and in due course of time had it under cultivation, erected a good group of buildings and set out a grove. He has one of the most desirable farms in the township, and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, now owning three hundred and twenty acres. He raises a great deal of grain, much of which is fed to live stock, preparing large numbers of cattle and hogs for the market annually. He plants a large acreage of potatoes every year, his land being admirably adapted to the growing of the white tubers.

Mr. Hogstad helped organize the Northern Potato Growers' Sales Company, and was president of the same for two or three years. He did much toward making it a pronounced success. He also helped organize the

Farmers' Elevator Company at Moorhead and was the first vice-president of the same. Politically, he is independent. He is township supervisor, which office he has held during the past sixteen years.

Mr. Hogstad was married on November 11, 1910, to Anna Grimstvedt, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Sven and Sigme (Ness) Grimstvedt, also natives of Norway, where they established their permanent home, and both of whom are now deceased. Sven Grimstvedt was married twice and was the father of fifteen children. Mrs. Hogstad came to America in 1897. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hogstad, namely: Helge, Segfred and Bertha.

CHARLES S. MARDEN.

Charles S. Marden, extensive owner of land, former member of the state Legislature and former county attorney for Clay county, is a native of the state of Vermont, but has been a resident of Minnesota since 1882. He was born in Randolph, Vermont, on October 2, 1864, a son of Riley H. and Emily M. (Clifford) Marden, natives of the same state.

Riley H. Marden was born in Albany, Vermont, on January 24, 1832, and was a member of the legal profession and a well-known member of the bar in his native place. At the age of fifty, in 1882, he moved to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he continued to practice as an attorney and also became the owner of a tract of land. His death took place on July 22, 1900. Riley H. Marden served the cause of the Union during the Civil War and was a member of Fourth and Ninth Regiments, Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and later held a commission in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh United States Colored Infantry. His war service covered the entire period of that conflict and he participated in several important engagements, receiving his honorable discharge at the close of the war. Mr. Marden's wife, Emily M. Clifford, was born in April, 1837, in the same house in Randolph, Vermont, as was her son, Charles S., the subject of this sketch. She died in April, 1871, eleven years before her husband came to this state. They were the parents of two children, namely, Mrs. Caroline E. Hooper, whose death occurred in Omaha, Nebraska, in March, 1899, and Charles S.

Charles S. Marden was reared in Bristol, Vermont, and attended the