

addition to his general farming, Mr. Lamb has given considerable attention to the raising of graded Shorthorn cattle and is doing very well. For years he has given close attention to the civic affairs of his community and for more than ten years has been serving as a member of the board of township supervisors, the present chairman of the board, and in that capacity has done much for the advancement of the general public interest.

In 1893 David A. Lamb was united in marriage to Elizabeth Mann, who also was born in Scotland and who died in 1901, leaving five children, Ernest, Jessie, Laura, David and Margaret, all of whom are living. Mrs. Lamb was a daughter of Alexander Mann and wife, who came to this country, but who returned to their native land after about two years of residence here. Mr. Lamb is a member of the Presbyterian church and takes a proper interest in the various beneficences of the same. He is a member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and takes an active interest in the affairs of that organization.

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#### NILS HOLBECK.

Nils Holbeck, proprietor of the New Columbia Hotel at Moorhead, former chief of police of that city, former deputy sheriff of Clay county and actively identified with the affairs of that county since old homestead days, he having been a homesteader in Morken township, is a native of the kingdom of Denmark, but has been a resident of Minnesota since the days of his boyhood, having come to this state with his parents, who settled on a homestead farm in Otter Tail county, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives, honored pioneers of that county.

Nils Holbeck was born on December 16, 1855, and was about fifteen years of age when he came to Minnesota with his parents. For some time after coming here he worked as a farm hand on a farm near Fergus Falls and then came on farther West and for a time was employed on a farm in the vicinity of Fargo. He then went over to Bismark and thence after a while down into the Black Hills, whence he presently returned to Minnesota and settled at Moorhead, where he has made his home most of the time since then. Upon coming back to this state Mr. Holbeck entered a homestead claim to a tract of Land in Morken township, Clay county, and while living there was made deputy sheriff of that county, moving to Moorhead, where he later was made chief of police. Upon the com-

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.

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### 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