

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

of potatoes. He carries on general farming and since the commencement of his operations he has been successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition. Since acquiring this holding Mr. Bredemeier has been to considerable expense in carrying out substantial improvements, and his place is ranked among the best in the township. He is also the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Wilkin county.

In 1884 Christian Bredemeier was united in marriage to Marion Fankhanel, who was born in Germany in 1864 and came to America in 1882. To this union the following children were born Cecelia, who is married; William, married; Alfred, a farmer, also clerk of district school board No. 31; Thelma, married; Lilly, Martha and Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Bredemeier take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the neighborhood and township.

BORRE HOVEN.

Borre Hoven, a substantial and energetic farmer and breeder of high-grade stock, owner of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land in Winchester township, Norman county, chairman of the local school board and otherwise identified with the public life of the township, is a native of Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, born in 1857, but has been a resident of this country for thirty-five years, having immigrated in 1882. He is a son of John and Mary Hoven, also born in Norway, the former a farmer, and both of whom are deceased, Borre Hoven being deprived of his mother when he was but eighteen months old.

In 1882, Borre Hoven, who had been married in the previous year, came to this country with his wife and proceeded to the state of Minnesota, locating at Crookston, where he remained for six months. He then homesteaded a quarter section of land in section 10, Winchester township, and later bought another quarter section in section 9, same township, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising and since the commencement of his agricultural operations he has been uniformly successful. Mr. Hoven has effected many substantial improvements on his holdings and his farm buildings are well built, his fences being one of the well-kept features of the place, and his farming operations are carried on along modern lines.