body who knows them, and throughout the North-
west Mr. Lindblad is regarded as a first class business
man and a public-spirited and progressive citizen. He
is genial, sociable and companionable, and enjoys
genuine and well-founded popularity in his home
town as a man, as a merchant, as an influential force
for good and as a social potency.

JOHN J. ALRICK.

John J. Alrick, a well known citizen of McIntosh,
was born at Vernon, Dodge county, Minnesota, Sep-
tember 13, 1872. His parents, John and Mary (Ten-
nefos) Alrick, were natives of Norway and came to
this country in the spring of 1872, settling in Dodge
county, where they made their home until 1898, when
they removed to McIntosh and have since continued
to reside in that place. They reared a family of ten
children, of whom John J. Alrick is next to the young-
est. He grew to manhood on the homestead in Dodge
county and attended the common schools. On remov-
ing to Polk county, he located in Winger township
and spent seven years in successful farming activi-
ties in that township. Subsequently he engaged in
the restaurant business but since 1907, has given his
attention chiefly to his service as a rural mail carrier,
which position he holds at present. Mr. Alrick has
given able service to the public interests as citizen and
official and has ever been influential in promoting the
best interests of the community. He is a member of
the Synod Lutheran church and in fraternal organiza-
tions is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the
Independent Scandinavian Workingmen of America.
Mr. Alrick was married in Dodge county, Minnesota,
March 3, 1897, to Mary Thorsness, who is a native
of that county. Three children have been born to
this union, Landor O., Milo B., and Eunice N.

HANS SAMUELSON.

After passing many years in active pursuit of vari-
ous kinds in a number of different places, making
each occupation minister to his advancement in life
by his industry, constant attention to duty and good
management, Hans Samuelson, formerly one of the
leading farmers of Vineland township, is now living
retired from hard labor, maintaining his residence
in the village of Climax but still exercising active
personal supervision over the management and op-
eration of his fine farm of 160 acres, all of which
is under cultivation and yielding good returns for
the labor spent upon it.

Mr. Samuelson was born in Norway November 6,
1864, and emigrated to the United States in the sum-
mer of 1882. He landed in New York and from there
came direct to Minnesota, locating in Grant county
and there working at farm labor for two years. He
then went to North Dakota and during the summer
months found employment on a large farm in that
territory. The following winter he passed working
in the lumber woods of Michigan, and when spring
came he took up a timber claim in the neighborhood
of Bemidji, on which he passed the next three years.
Early in the nineties Mr. Samuelson moved to
Polk county and bought 160 acres of land in Vineland
township. On this land he lived until the Great
Northern railroad was built through from Halstad
to Crookston. He next kept a hotel and saloon in
Climax until 1905, when he sold his business in the
village and resumed his farming operations, but
continued to live in Climax, where he owns an at-
tractive residence. He has always taken an active
interest in the public affairs of Climax and Vineland
township, serving as constable in the township and
president of the council in the village, filling the latter
office three terms. He has also been a member of the