Charles, William, August, Julius, Minnie, Anna, Fred, Alvina, Ida, Freda, John and Pauline, the youngest child, was drowned in Red Lake river at the village of Fisher July 22, 1910, when she was twelve years old.

ROBERT ANDERSON.

Approaching now the evening of his life in peace and prosperity after many years of arduous labor, care and the usual difficulties incident to the existence of a farmer in the Northwest of this country, Robert Anderson, of East Grand Forks, has retired from active pursuits with an unstairst record of clean, good and serviceable citizenship to his credit and favored with the esteem and good will of everybody who knows him. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, January 28, 1847, and in June, 1874, came to the United States, locating temporarily at Grand Forks. On July 2, of the year last named he took up a homestead in Grand Forks township, Polk county, and on this he lived until the spring of 1913, when he gave up farming and moved to the city of East Grand Forks. He has sold his farm and is living retired and free from all business cares.

Mr. Anderson has, however, taken a very active and helpful part in the public affairs of Polk county in times past and has never lost any degree of his cordial and judicious interest in the county's growth and improvement. He was the first township clerk of Grand Forks, Huntsville and Rhinehart townships, his jurisdiction extending over the present city of East Grand Forks, and he held the office of clerk of Grand Forks township continuously until 1913 and that of school director of District No. 2 in that township for thirty-six years. He was also a charter member of the First Presbyterian church of Grand Forks, and is now an elder of the Mendahall Presbyterian church in East Grand Forks.

Mr. Anderson was first married April 8, 1874, to Miss Mary Patterson. They had four children, Charles H., Margaret J., Aaron L. and John H. The mother of these children died in Grand Forks township August 4, 1898, and on December 19, 1906, the father contracted a second marriage which united him with Miss Jennie Rintoul, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, but long resident in this country. Like her husband, Mrs. Anderson is held in high esteem for her genuine worth and her warm and serviceable interest in everything that contributes to the welfare of Polk county and the Northwest in general.

AUGUST AKERLUND.

Since March 18, 1879, August Akerlund has lived in Crookston and been actively and profitably engaged in contracting and building and general carpenter and cabinetmaking work. He has done his part in helping to develop and improve the city and surrounding country, and many of the substantial buildings now standing in this part of the state are monuments to his industry and ability as a builder. He was born in Sweden August 8, 1845, and learned the trade of a cabinetmaker in that country, where he remained until 1869, when he emigrated to this country, reaching New York November 23.

With his arrival in this country began a new era in the life of Mr. Akerlund. The West attracted him and he located at Whitehall, Illinois, and there worked at bridge building for about three years. He then changed his base of operations to Dubuque, Iowa, where he passed one year building bridges for the railroads. From Dubuque he moved to Bellevue, Iowa, and in that locality he turned his attention to