factory work and house building and followed these lines until he came to Crookston, arriving March 18, 1879.

Mr. Akerlund was married at Bellevue, Iowa, May 4, 1874, to Miss Anna Louisa Turneblad, whose life began in Sweden July 24, 1855. They have three children, Augusta, Charles and Almer. Charles is a mail carrier in Crookston, and Almer is working with and under the instructions of his father. The father owns 160 acres of land in Pennington county, Minnesota, and the building in which he carries on his business was erected by himself. He has always taken a cordial interest in the welfare of the city and county of his home, and the people respect him highly for his upright life, public spirit and sterling manhood.

MEDRIC COLLIN.

Through many trials and difficulties and a variety of occupations Medric Collin, who is now one of the successful and prosperous merchants of Crookston, has made his way by persistent industry, frugality, pluck and good management to his present condition of prominence in business and substantial comfort in a worldly way. He is the proprietor of the well known and popular Crookston Supply house, with which he has been connected about twenty-three years and which he has owned and conducted for about three years.

Mr. Collin is a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, where he was born August 9, 1860, and where he lived until he reached the age of twenty-eight, and was engaged in farming during the greater part of the time. When he left his native land he took up his residence in Minneapolis, and there he lived and was variously employed until the autumn of 1892. In November of that year he came to Crookston and entered into partnership with his brother, F. X. Collin, and together they carried on an active mercantile business for about twelve years under the firm name of Collin Bros.

At the end of the period named the partnership was dissolved and the brother retired from the business. Since then it has been wholly owned and carried on by Mr. Collin of this sketch.

Mr. Collin’s store is widely and favorably known through this part of Minnesota as the Crookston Supply house, and is especially well esteemed for the extensive stock of general merchandise which it carries, the superior quality of its goods, the upright and progressive manner in which its operations are conducted and the enterprise which keeps it always up to date in the style, quality and general excellence of its merchandise. Mr. Collin stands well in the community and deserves the esteem bestowed upon him.

CHRISTIAN T. BROWN.

The dairy business has grown to great proportions in the Northwest and become very active. It supplies some of the wants and meets several of the requirements of a vast number of persons, increasing with the growth of the country and keeping pace with the ever expanding demands for its service. One of its enterprising and progressive representatives in this part of the country is Christian T. Brown, of Crookston, who has been engaged in it in that city since the fall of 1886.

Mr. Brown was born in Norway, July 31, 1845, and was reared and educated in his native land, where he remained until 1882, following farming as his principal occupation. In August of the year last mentioned he emigrated to the United States, landing at New York. He came at once to Crookston, and during