lugton, where he served as deputy clerk and city clerk for two years. In 1893 he returned to Moorhead, and in 1896 removed to Crookston, where he has since resided and is now actively and profitably engaged in the hardware trade. He takes an interest in the public affairs of his home city and county, but has not sought office or been an active political partisan.

In 1892 Mr. Rasmusson was united in marriage with Miss Elisa Dahl, who was born in Norway and brought to the United States in her childhood. They have two children, Harold D. and Dagna J., both of whom still abide with them in their pleasant home. The parents are members of the English Lutheran church and take a serviceable part in its activities, as they do in every undertaking for the good of the community. They stand well in the city and county, and deserve in full measure the cordial regard in which they are held by all classes of their residents.

AUGUST MILLER.

The late August Miller of Crookston, who died in that city June 8, 1913, was the founder of the Crookston tannery and for nearly twenty years was one of the leading manufacturers and business men of Polk county. He was born in Sweden in 1853 and was reared and educated in that country. There also he learned his trade as a tanner and followed it until 1888. In that year he brought his family to the United States and Minnesota and located in St. Paul, where he operated a tannery until 1894. He then moved to Crookston and started the first tannery operated in this state north of the Twin Cities. He began his operations on a small scale but steadily increased them until now the plant he founded handles about 3,000 hides a year. The tannery is completely equipped with modern machinery, occupies two large buildings and draws its trade from a large part of this state, the two Dakotas and the province of Manitoba, Canada.

Mr. Miller was married in his native land to Miss Eva Johnson. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom have died except three. Their mother is also still living. She is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, as was her husband during his life. They were among the founders of the congregation of their faith in Crookston and zealous in its service from the beginning of its history, being persons of sturdy and sterling qualities and helpfully interested in all good works among the people around them.

Herman U. Miller, the son of August, is also a native of Sweden, where his life began in 1884. He was a child of four years when he came to this country with his parents, and in Minnesota he grew to manhood and learned the tanning trade under the tuition of his father, and since the death of that estimable man he has managed the business of the tannery with enterprise and expanding trade and gratifying success. Though one of the younger set of Crookston's business men he is one of the most capable and progressive of them all, and is generally esteemed as such.

Mr. Miller, the younger, is a member of the Masonic order and the Crookston Commercial club. In religious affiliation he adheres to the faith of his parents. He was married in 1908 to Miss Marie Amundson, who was born and reared in Polk county. Her parents were pioneers of the county, locating and living in the thirteen towns. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children, their son Ronald and their daughter Irene.

JOHN W. O'BRIEN.

One of the few remaining members of the fast fading remnant of our pioneers in Polk county, John W. O'Brien, a retired hardware merchant of Crookston, is highly respected by everybody because of his