Henry O. Balstad, stock farmer and well known citizen of Sletten township, is a native of Minnesota, born at Fergus Falls, June 2, 1886, the son of K. O. Balstad and Gina (Weiby) Balstad. When he was eleven years of age his father located on a farm in Sletten township and here Henry Balstad was reared and received his early training. He decided to devote his attention to farming and to the practical experience which he had already attained, he added two years of study in the State Agricultural college at St. Anthony Park, in preparation for his work. He has always been associated with his father in his business operations and transactions and like his father, devotes his farming interests to the stock business. His farm of one hundred and sixty acres is in section twenty-eight of Sletten township and he is using three hundred and twenty acres in his farming operations. He is breeding Hereford stock and grazing and feeding cattle for the market. Mr. Balstad is one of the younger farmers who are capably carrying on the development of the county, increasing the prosperity established by the thrifty pioneers. Able and intelligent management and alertness to anything which will promote the efficiency of his work combine to render him successful in all undertakings. He with his father were among the first to build silos in the township. Aside from his private interests, Mr. Balstad finds time to consider matters of public moment and welfare and serves as clerk of the school board. He was married to Olga Olson who was a resident of Sletten township.

H. L. Larson.

H. L. Larson, a prominent manufacturer and ex-mayor of Crookston, is a native of Norway, born near Bergen, December 11, 1864, the son of Ole M. and Helen Larson. The father engaged in farming in his native land during his lifetime and the mother still resides at the old home. Of their family of seven children, four emigrated to America, H. L. Larson came to Minnesota when seventeen years of age, in company with a sister and located at St. Peter, where he worked as a laborer for a time and then secured employment with an uncle in a factory. He later removed to St. Paul, where his older brother was living and worked at the carpenter trade with him, for several years and then engaged in the contracting business at Little Falls, enjoying an extensive trade and erecting many of the more sub-