investment of $2,000 the capital has increased to $20,000, with the annual sales amounting to some $30,000. Aside from his business activities Mr. Hamilton is interested in farm lands, both in Polk county and in Dakota, one farm of one hundred and sixty acres being near Fisher. The Hamilton brothers are all members of the Republican party and are well known in lodge circles, where W. D. Hamilton is allied with the Elks, being a member of the chapter at Crookston, Frank Hamilton with the Masonic order and Donald Hamilton with the Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. W. D. Hamilton was married at Fisher to Mary Quigley, the daughter of Patrick Quigley, a pioneer farmer of Fisher township, who still resides on his old homestead near the town. Mr. Quigley located there in 1871 and recounts many interesting experiences of that time, recalling eventful trips for provisions to the trading station kept by Bob Ray, at Frog Point across Red river, when the skiff used as a ferry oftentimes proved a perilous and disastrous conveyance for their goods. Mr. Hamilton and his wife have three children, Helen, Douglas and Catherine.

MATT ROSE.

Matt Rose, a prosperous farmer of Brandsvold township, was born in Norway, January 30, 1859, the son of Peter and Olena Rose. His parents came to the United States when he was ten years old and settled in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where they bought forty acres of land. In 1875 Peter Rose removed with his family to Iowa, buying school land in Winnebago county and engaged in farming there for six years, during which time his crops were destroyed by the devastating chinch bug and his misfortunes culminated in the loss of all his property with the exception of his stock. He then returned to Minnesota, living in Faribault county for several years. In 1884 the family came to Polk county and Matt Rose and his brother, John Rose, bought the claim rights for the southeast quarter of section eight of Brandsvold township from a homesteader, for one hundred and fifty dollars. The parents made their home here until their deaths. The mother's death occurred in 1888 and the father survived her until his eighty-ninth year. The homestead land was undeveloped and a small log house with a sod roof had been erected on it. The brothers shared in the arduous labor of clearing the land and after proving up on the claim, divided the tract. They had put over one hundred acres under cultivation when the death of the older brother, John, occurred and since that time the farm has been under the management of Matt Rose, he having acquired the title to his brother's share after the latter's death. On coming to Polk county, he owned a team of horses and was able to stock his farm with several head of cattle and during the first seasons before the land could be broken, he worked at farm labor in the neighborhood. He endured his share of the misfortunes and adversities which visit the pioneer farmer and with unfailing industry has won his way to his present prosperous position, building up one of the fine farm properties of the county. He has erected good buildings and in 1910 built the pleasant country home which occupies a well chosen and sightly location. The place is conveniently situated five miles north of Fosston and the same distance east of McIntosh. Several small ponds have been drained with ditches and all the land has been made productive, with one hundred and forty acres under cultivation and the balance used for pasturing purposes. Mr. Rose has installed a fine water system, using a well fifty-eight feet deep, equipped with an engine which supplies the large water tanks. He is successfully engaged in stock raising, breeding high grade stock, and keeps a herd of dairy cattle, selling cream to the creamery at Fosston. As a citizen, Mr. Rose has given able and effective service in the office of township supervisor for