and was postmaster under the Cleveland administration. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, having served as Venerable Council for fifteen years. Mr. Tagley has recently made a notable addition to the residence district of Mentor in the fine modern home which he has erected, which in addition to its architectural attractions, is provided with all the modern conveniences with which the village has not yet supplied its citizens, including an electric light and watering plant, power laundry, and hot water heating system. Mr. Tagley was married in 1895 to Milla Olson, of Fisher, Polk county, the daughter of Evan Olson, a retired business man of that place. They have one child, Elmer J. Tagley. Mr. Tagley and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

RICHARD MULCAHEY.

Having been engaged in productive, progressive and profitable farming, live stock raising and dairying for sixteen years in Polk county, and having also taken a helpful part in promoting the development and improvement of the county in general and the township of Fairfax in particular, Richard Mulcahey, who is now living retired in Crookston, has rendered this part of Minnesota good service and justly earned universal esteem and good will. His home farm comprises the west half of Section 17, in Fairfax township, and is just two miles southeast of the corporation limits of Crookston.

Mr. Mulcahey was born about seventy-five years ago and reared in the province of Ontario, Canada, and followed farming in a general way there until 1897, when he came to Polk county. He bought 480 acres of wild prairie, paying $16 an acre for 320 acres and $23 an acre for the other 160 acres, and going in debt for nearly all the purchase price, as his capital, consisted of three horses, two cows and less than $100 in cash. He broke up the land and began raising grain and keeping horses and cows. In time he put up comfortable buildings, and by industry and good management has made it worth at least $100 an acre. He also bought a quarter section of land north of the city, for which he paid $7 an acre. This he broke up and improved, sunk an artesian well, and then sold at $23 an acre.

The stock-raising industry which Mr. Mulcahey carried on was rendered very successful and profitable by his excellent system of operating also an active dairying business in connection. Keeping fourteen milch cows and makes butter for private customers. His daughters became expert butter makers, and one of them took many prizes at the county fair for the best butter. The father made a specialty of having live stock of a high grade, and he also made exhibits of products at the fairs. A deep artesian well furnishes an abundant supply of excellent water for stock and other purposes. He has experienced, however, some mishaps. One season being so wet that he was unable to cut his grain and another was so that he could do no plowing at the proper time. Two crops were also destroyed by hail.

In 1913, he gave up active work and took up his residence in Crookston, where he owns a pleasant home and other valuable property. While he has always manifested a deep and serviceable interest in the welfare of his township and the county, he has had no taste for public affairs and has never dabbled in politics or sought or desired a political office. His private affairs have so absorbed him that he has devoted his time and energies to them. He is a member of the Cathedral congregation of the Catholic church.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. Mulcahey was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jordan, who was, like himself, a native of Canada. She died on the farm January 13, 1910. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom are living in Canada and four in Polk county. A daughter, Agnes, died in this county while still in her teens. The living children in Polk county are: Francis, who is managing the