acres of Polk county land in Fairfax township, four miles southeast of Crookston, and their father came to visit them and take a look at their purchase, but with no intention to make one himself. The county proved so attractive, however, that he soon made a selection of his present farm purchasing at a cost of $27.50 an acre. It comprises 320 acres and was then almost wholly unimproved. He has expended about $5,000 in substantial and lasting improvements, and has the land well drained and all under cultivation and yielding excellent crops.

Mr. Slyter's place is the north half of section 25, Andover township, and lies four miles south of Crookston. It is devoted principally to raising oats and barley and feeding cattle, the strain preferred being the Shorthorn breed. He has an artesian well 227 feet deep, which furnishes an abundant supply of excellent soft water for all purposes. His grain crop in 1915 amounted to some 7,000 bushels, and the yield per acre has been fair for years. He feeds regularly about 20 head of cattle and milks seven cows. Almost immediately after coming he began to set out some fruit trees and practically all the small fruits, including grapes, his success with them having been very gratifying.

Mr. Slyter had $6,000 in cash, live stock and some portions of a farm equipment. These combined with industry, good management and up-to-date farming methods he has wrought out results that are in the highest degree satisfactory. His land was at first overrun with wild growths destructive of regular crops. He follows a judicious system of crop rotation, thus keeping the land in prime condition. In 1913 his profits totaled $3,300 and in 1915 they reached $3,700. He has refused offers of nearly $75 an acre for his farm and discouraged all attempts to get him to sell.

Mr. Slyter was married in Grundy county, Illinois, in 1870, to Miss Anna E. Steep, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have five children; Lewis Edward, who lives at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota; Derwin Sheridan, a farmer near Akron, Colorado; Ada Helen, the wife of J. F. McAdams, of Sioux City, Iowa; Clara Belle, the wife of Ray Murphy, of Chariton, Iowa, and Irene Winifred, the wife of Walter Mergan, of Andover township. During the last few years Mr. Slyter has been a member of the school board and he is now also supervisor of the township. He is a Republican in political alliance and a Presbyterian in religious affiliation, membership being in Crookston.

HEURICK JOHANSON.

This progressive and prosperous farmer of Higdem township, this county, proprietor of the Valley Home farm, fifteen miles north and one west of Grand Forks and seven miles southeast of Oslo, has demonstrated in his career in this locality the value of persistency and determination when conditions are discouraging. He was born in Sweden May 3, 1856, and came to the United States in June, 1879, locating in Renville county, Minnesota, where one of his sisters was then living. He still owed for his transportation from his native land when he arrived in this state, but he worked at his trade of shoemaking in the different homes around him, making shoes for whole families, also did farm work and was employed one winter in a shoe shop at Sacred Heart in Renville county, and so got a start after having devoted all his earnings to helping his parents before leaving home.

On May 8, 1880, Mr. Johanson filed on his first quarter section of land, Carl Krinersberg having come to this county with him. His location was in Section 24, Higdem township, and the next fall he built a dwelling on it, borrowing some of the money needed for the purpose as he had paid part of the passage money for one of his parents and a brother. His dwelling was a little log house the logs for which he had to bring from Snake river four miles east of his home. For some time he cut cord wood in the winter and worked on railroad grading in the summer, hiring