for farm machinery which was installed, with salesroom in the rear of the building. The enterprise has met with steadily increasing prosperity and now transacts an annual business of about thirty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Melbo is a member of the Republican party and has ever given capable service to the public interests in official capacity. He was supervisor and also clerk of Eden township for several years and in 1900 was the census enumerator for that township and Queen township; the population of the two, totaling 1,212 in that year. In 1907 he was appointed postmaster at Gully and has continued to serve in that position. The office now supports one rural route and its transactions command a quarterly salary of $275. Mr. Melbo is a member of the Modern Woodmen lodge and was active in its organization. He enjoyed frequent hunting trips in the days when game was abundant in this section, and recalls the hunting and killing of deer in the vicinity of the present site of Gully. His marriage to Hilda Bergdahle, of Fosston, occurred September 4, 1907, and they have three children, Ervin, Alpha and Rolf. Mr. Melbo and his family are members of the Lutheran church at Gully.

MICHAEL DRISCOLL.

Although he is one of the largest landholders in Polk county, and one of its most successful and prosperous residents, Michael Driscoll, who lives on the East half of Section 28, Sullivan township, five and one-half miles east of East Grand Forks, has accumulated all his property by his own industry, thrift and good management, which qualities he has also employed in the service of his township greatly to its advantage. He was born in County Lanark, province of Ontario, Canada, June 26, 1856, and came to Polk county, Minnesota, in company with his brother John in 1878.

When they arrived in this county each of the two brothers took up a homestead, Michael getting the Northeast quarter and John the Northwest quarter of Section 28, in what is now Sullivan township. Edward Sullivan took up the Southeast quarter of this section and Michael bought it of him after he proved up on it, paying him $20 an acre for it. Mr. Sullivan had also taken up the Southwest quarter of the same section, and later John bought this of him. The Driscoll brothers then had a half-section apiece. When they reached this county they had about $50 each in money, which they had saved from their earnings while working in the lumber woods.

Mr. Sullivan had located here the fall before, and when the Driscolls left home they intended to locate either in the Red river valley or the valley of Forest river in North Dakota, where they also had a friend. When they inspected the North Dakota region they found that only two filings had been made in it, and they concluded to locate in Polk county, Minnesota. In 1879 John returned to his old Ontario home and the next spring he brought the other members of the family to Minnesota. Each of the boys had broken up twenty acres of his land, giving their work for the use of oxen to do it with, and together they had built a claim shanty in the spring of 1878.

In the winter Michael cut cord wood on the Dakota side of the Red river at 75 cents a cord, paying $4.50 a week for board, and he and a man he had with him each cleared $150 on the winter's work. Michael had bought a yoke of oxen and the next spring he bought another yoke. He then remained with his father and brothers, and worked for his father for ten years. His brother John married in 1882, but Michael remained single until February 14, 1887, when he was married to Miss Margaret O'Neill, the daughter of a neighbor of the family and eighteen years old at the time of her marriage.

In 1888 he built part of his present dwelling and took up his residence in it. By that time he had his land all broken up, and in 1891 he set out trees for a windbreak. He has since bought the Northeast quarter of Section 16, the Northeast quarter of Sec-