ship, six miles north of his home place. The greater part of this was railroad land which secured at six dollars an acre, and has been devoted to the raising of grain. Mr. Quern gave his entire attention to his farming operations and under his management the estate was brought to its present splendid condition. He confined his personal operations to the Esther township land and rented the section in Higdem township. His death occurred in his seventy-ninth year at the close of a long and active career, marked by the constructive service of the pioneer farmer and progressive citizen. He is survived by his wife and five children, three of whom reside on the Quern estate, Carl, Olivia, whose husband, Gust Nelson, operates a part of the Higdem township farm, and Ole, who since the death of his father has capably assumed management of the home place. Martin Quern entered the commercial world and is a merchant at Gunvick, Minnesota. Carrie Quern married John Hofsteen and lives at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Ole Quern was married to Clara Bang, the daughter of a well known citizen of Higdem township and they have two children, Adea and Erma.

DALECARLIA GRAIN AND STOCK FARM.
S. E. ERICKSON, PROP.

Owning and occupying one of the finest homes in the Red River valley, with native trees surrounding his house, which stands on the banks of the Marins river and overlooks a wide sweep of the country lying around it, and cultivating a large, well improved and productive farm in the most progressive way, and enjoying in a marked degree the esteem of all who know him, S. E. Erickson, of Dalecarlia Farm in Section 25, Esther township, seven miles north of East Grand Forks, has made great progress in his worldly estate since he came to Polk county on June 3, 1883, a penniless youth of nineteen years of age.

Mr. Erickson was born in Sweden September 23, 1864, and when he arrived in the United States came direct to this county, where his brother Andrew, now a resident of Roseau county, Minnesota, and his uncle, O. Metz Erickson, were then living. The uncle had come to Becker county, Minnesota, in 1868, and had acquired a homestead in that county. In 1878 he changed his residence to Polk county and bought the Northeast quarter of Section 25, in Esther township, which was then railroad land and is now a part of the farm of S. E. Erickson. The uncle paid about $7 an acre for this land. It is now worth $100 an acre. He passed his remaining years on the farm, dying on it in 1902. He had a family of eight daughters. They are living in various places but none of them in this county.

After his arrival in Polk county S. E. Erickson and his brother Andrew, who lived in this county about sixteen years, rented a farm for six years. S. E. also bought railroad land in Section 29, Northland township, two miles east of his present farm, which he improved and still owns. He at first rented a part of his home farm from his father-in-law, Erick Dickson, who bought it in 1880 and took up his residence on it in 1891.

Mr. Dickson was also a native of Sweden, born September 3, 1843, and came to the United States in 1868, locating for a time at Elkhart, Indiana. He worked in the Calumet and Hecla copper mines in Michigan for seventeen years. He was killed by a falling tree on his farm in 1904. He served several years as township treasurer and otherwise took an active part in local public affairs. His wife died in St. Paul in 1869, leaving an infant daughter, Matilda, who was born at Elkhart, Indiana, the same year that her mother died in. She was reared by her grandparents at Becker, Sherburne county, Minnesota, and in 1878 came with her grandfather, O. Metz Erickson, to this county, where she remained until 1880, then joined her father at Calumet, Michigan. In 1890 she