his parents, Dennis and Catherine (O'Neill) Enright, and their eight sons and two daughters. Of these, John is a ranchman in California; Thomas lives in Sullivan township; Dennis J. is also in California; Jerry is in Alberta as is also James. William was drowned in the Red river at the age of twenty-three; Michael L. is a farmer of Huntsville; Edward F. is an employé of the Arneson Mercantile company, while Mary Ann was the wife of Thomas Mason, who came to the county in 1879, and both of whom are since deceased. Maggie became the wife of George Tinkler and lives in western Canada.

The father bought the homestead, where his son Michael L. now lives, to which he added at various times till he owned upwards of 1,000 acres lying along the Red Lake river a few miles from East Grand Forks. For several years, in fact till his death in 1886, the sons all remained at home, the operations being carried on an extensive scale. The widow continued, with the younger sons, to manage the farm, however she finally retired to the city, where she passed away October 18, 1906.

In 1880 Richard was married to Johanna Forn, and at once assumed charge of his own farm. In about one year thereafter he had the misfortune to lose his companion, when he rented the farm, which he originally bought as railroad land. He began to add more land when it could be had from the railroad company at about $6 per acre. His operations were more than usually successful, investing in land as opportunity offered till he possessed six quarter sections or 960 acres in one body, all lying in Huntsville township. Generally this has been operated by tenants, Mr. Enright giving more personal attention to making and keeping up improvements.

Five years ago he decided to dispose of his lands, since when he has made some investments in California, although much of his present business interests are in farm loans. No man has had greater faith in the future of the Red river valley, in every phase of whose development he has taken an active part, being ever an ardent advocate of a system of farming that tends to greater production and increase in valuation. He has rather kept aloof from public life, but has yielded to the extent of serving the township as Supervisor for some fifteen years. He has ever stood for better living conditions and it is not a little to the efforts of such men that East Grand Forks is now fast taking its place among the better residence towns of the Red river valley.

BROWN DUCKSTAD.

One of the leading pioneers, business men and promoters of the village of Fertile, and for years a valued public official in various capacities, Brown Duckstad has contributed much to the improvement and benefit of the land and locality of his adoption, and he has also embraced, greatly to his own advantage, the opportunities it has offered him for his own progress in a material way and along lines of social and political influence and consequence.

Mr. Duckstad is a native of Norway, where his life began December 6, 1865, and where he was reared to the age of nineteen and obtained his education. In the spring of 1884 he came to the United States and at once to Polk county, Minnesota, where he has ever since resided. During the first five years of his residence in this county he was employed as a farm hand, working hard, living frugally and saving his earnings to enable him to begin at the earliest practicable time the business career to which he was steadily looking forward.

In 1889 he located at Fertile and opened the hardware store which he is still conducting there. His business was started on a small scale, but by enterprise, close attention to every detail and excellent business capacity he has steadily expanded his trade and enlarged his operations until he is now one of the leading merchants in the part of the county in which he lives. His trade soon outgrew its first