Daniel I. McDonald is a son of Donald and Ellen (Hannah) McDonald. He bought eighty acres of his present farm from the railroad company at $5 an acre, with a rebate of $2.50 an acre for breaking three-fourths of it, and three years later was allowed 50 cents an acre in addition for all he had under cultivation. He worked out on other farms the first year but broke up eight acres of his own land although he had no buildings on it. In the winter he hauled wood. The next year he rented for cash what he had plowed and broke up more, and so got twenty acres broken up in a short time. Soon afterward he bought the other half of the quarter-section in which his land lies, and in four years he had 120 acres broken and got the rebate on it all.

During this four years Mr. McDonald continued to work out and rented his own plowed land. He then built a little house and stable, but continued to make his home with his father, Donald McDonald, who came to the county two years after the son did. The father bought a homestead right and on this land he lived until his death on February 20, 1915, having survived his wife fifteen years. He was a zealous Presbyterian and took the initiative in founding the Bethel church of that sect, and of this church he was a very active member the rest of his life.

His son Daniel worked his own land and his father’s until his marriage, which took place in 1889 and united him with Miss Tena Lee, a daughter of James and Tena (Nisbet) Lee, and also a native of Ontario, coming to this county with her parents when Mr. McDonald came. She died in 1899, leaving four children: Winifred, who is a teacher in the Polk county schools; Earl, who was a student at school in Crookston; and Lee and Lindsey, who, like Earl, are living at home with their father.

Mr. McDonald’s second marriage was with Miss Annie McDougall, also a Canadian by nativity, and occurred at Elphin, Ontario, March 2, 1904. They have four children, Grace, Gilbert, Maurice and Marvin. Since his first marriage Mr. McDonald has added 160 acres to his farm and it now comprises 320 acres, his last purchase costing him $23 an acre, with improvements. His main dependence for a time was grain, but in later years he has devoted more attention to live stock, keeping regularly about thirty head of cattle with twelve milch cows. He has seventeen acres in potatoes and generally plants thirty in corn, and the buildings and other improvements on his place are good.

The public affairs of his township have always interested Mr. McDonald and enlisted his service. He has served on the township board one term, being its chairman. He was also township treasurer for three years and has been a member of the school board for many. His religious connection is with the Bethel Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder for a long time and is now an occupant of that office.

IVER HOYE.

Born, reared and married in Norway, and coming to the United States and the Northwest in the full vigor of his young manhood at the age of twenty-four, Iver Hoye, who has a productive and attractive farm in section 8, Sullivan township, this county, which is known far and wide as the “Hoye Farm,” brought to his new home a stimulating force which has been serviceably employed in pushing the further development and improvement of the locality in which he lives, as it was in doing the same in other localities in which he lived previous to settling where he is now.

Mr. Hoye’s life began in Norway February 28, 1854, and he remained in his native land until 1878, when he came to this country and located in Winnesheik county, Iowa, where he remained one year. In 1879 he moved to Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, where one of his sisters was living. He made his home with her until 1881, and then bought a homestead in Grand Forks county, North Dakota, near the village of Honeyford, twenty-five miles northwest of the city of Grand Forks, driving with oxen to his new home from Yellow Medicine county.