He afterward worked about the same period in the lumber woods of Minnesota. In the winter of 1896 he took a contract for lumbering near Black Duck and had a camp of his own. He employed ten men in carrying out his contract and got out about one million feet of lumber. That winter Mrs. La Barge passed the winter in the camp and acted as cook. Her husband had a timber claim near the place, but this he has since sold.

The first house Mr. La Barge built on his land was a tar paper shanty. In that he lived as a bachelor three summers while working his farm, and in it afterward his wife kept house three years. Part of their present dwelling was built in 1889 and the rest in 1903. The fine barn now on the place was erected in 1915. Mrs. La Barge's maiden name was Jessie Johnson and she was born in Pierce county, Wisconsin, but her marriage to Mr. La Barge took place in St. Croix county of that state. They have no children.

The principal industry of the farm has been raising grain, full-blooded Shorthorn cattle and graded hogs. Twelve to fourteen milk cows supply large quantities of butter for customers in the city. Horses are also raised to some extent. Mr. La Barge has served on the school board but has sought no other office. For twenty years he operated a threshing outfit, wearing out three engines and several separators. His present engine is a tractor. He is one of the best known threshermen in the Red river valley.

In 1903 Mr. La Barge took a contract to dig eleven miles of ditch for the county, extending from the Marais into Keystone township, the amount of money to be paid for his work being $7,200. He let the greater part of the work to sub-contractors, but dug about two miles of the ditch himself. His record in this county shows impressively that persistency and pluck are winning factors in the battle of life. In spite of all his difficulties and setbacks he now has a fine farm which is well improved and highly productive.

JERRY DRISCOLL.

Pleasantly located on a fine farm comprising the Northwest quarter of Section 34 and the Northeast quarter of Section 33, in Sullivan township, Jerry Driscoll has a substantial acquisition to show as the result of his thirty-six years of life and labor in this county. His farm is five miles east of Grand Forks, and one mile north and four miles east of the farm made memorable in this locality as having been the home of his father and his brothers, Michael, John, James and Thomas Driscoll, all well known residents of Sullivan township for many years.

Jerry Driscoll was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, April 19, 1858, and in the spring of 1879 he came to Polk county, Minnesota, arriving here just before the twenty-first anniversary of his birth. He lived and worked with his father and brothers until 1892, when he moved to his present farm, the first quarter-section of which was taken up by him as a tree claim and afterward changed to a homestead.

During the same year he built the dwelling house which he now occupies. The other part of his farm, the Northeast quarter of Section 33, was a part of his father’s estate, which he had helped to purchase of the railroad company at $6 or $6.50 an acre, with a rebate for breaking it up. His whole life in Minnesota to the present time (1916) has been passed on these two farms, his father’s and his own. He raises wheat, oats and barley, keeps twenty-five head of graded Shorthorn cattle and milks eight to ten cows. He has studiously kept out of political tangles and resisted all importunities to become a candidate for any public office, finding at all times plenty to fully occupy his time and attention in his own affairs.

On November 10, 1896, Mr. Driscoll was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Genereau, the daughter of Paul and Selina (——) Genereau, na-