When he came to this county Mr. Zejdlik had no capital. He worked on the railroad running between Euclid and St. Vincent for a time, and in 1884 he bought a farm and broke up forty acres of it with his yoke of cattle and sowed the tract by hand. He then went West and was unable to drag his land, but he got a crop of 800 bushels, which he sold at $1.13 while other wheat growers got very little for theirs, some not more than 25 cents a bushel. This gave him a start, and in 1885 he bought eighty acres more, and he kept on buying until he acquired the ownership of 1,235 acres, paying for some $37.50 an acre. He erected good buildings and made other substantial improvements and lived on the farm until 1901, when he moved to East Grand Forks.

While he cultivated his land Mr. Zejdlik raised corn and small grain and handled a good deal of live stock. He also took an active part in the public affairs of his locality, helping to organize Tabor township, which was first called Osseta, and served on the township board as supervisor. His extensive farming operations and his public duties kept him very busy, and in the course of about twenty years he accumulated a comfortable estate and decided to retire from the arduous labors of the farm.

In 1901 he bought a home in East Grand Forks and moved to that city to give his children good school facilities. He then had $17,000 loaned out. This he collected in and invested in a business block, which he built in the heart of the town on De Mers avenue. He is a member of the city Light and Water commission and otherwise interested in the advancement and improvement of the community. He also bought stock in the First State Bank of East Grand Forks and became its vice president.

Mr. Zejdlik was married in McLeod county, Minnesota, in 1888 to Miss Anna Hollob. They have seven children, Edward, Matilda, Annie, Frank, Emily, Bessie and William. Edward keeps a meat market in East Grand Forks and Frank, who is a graduate of the high school and the only one of the children living away from the family, cultivates the home farm. All the members of the family stand well in the community and richly deserve the esteem they enjoy.

ANDREW KLEVEN.

The course of this enterprising and energetic farmer and stock breeder, whose fine farm of 720 acres in and adjoining Section 9, Roome township, and his other place of eighty acres near Eldred are models of skillful cultivation and high productiveness, has been one of steady progress since he became a resident of Polk county in 1877 and bought his first tract from the railroad at $8 an acre, with a rebate of $3.50 an acre for clearing, plowing and seeding three-fourths of it. He had nothing then but enough money to make a small payment on his land, two teams and a few farm implements.

Mr. Kleven was born in Norway in May, 1849, and in 1874 he came to this country and located in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he remained nearly three years. In the spring of 1878 he built a little frame house on his land and set in to breaking up the stubborn glebe with his horse and ox teams to get crops and save his rebate. Two years later he bought more land, and he has kept on buying from time to time until he is now one of the most extensive landholders in the Red river valley. He owns 800 acres and has all under cultivation, grain being his principal product. His crops in 1915 aggregated 18,000 bushels, 8,000 being wheat and the rest oats, barley and flax.

The farming operations of Mr. Kleven are conducted on a large scale, as must be the case. They keep fifteen horses busy most of the time, and he also has 30 to 40 head of cattle and milks ten to twelve cows regularly, supplying cream to the creamery at Fisher in which he is a stockholder. His home farm is well located, the dwelling house, which was built in 1910, commanding an extensive view in all directions. The