

anecdotes of greatest interest to the resident of today. Bear were among the wild visitors of that day and the largest specimen seen here was shot by Mr. Lealas near his cabin. In later years he added to his homestead, purchasing a quarter section of railroad land and has devoted his life to the development of his agricultural interests, and has given particular attention to raising well bred horses. As one of the organizers of the township he has given faithful and intelligent co-operation in furthering the best interests of the community, and is one of the original members of the Catholic church at Fisher. Edward Lealas was a well known pioneer of the region and made his home on his land on the south side of Red Lake river until his death. Two sisters also became residents of Polk county, Ann, who married James Martin, and Eliza-

beth, who married Michael Quirk. Pat Lealas was married in Canada to Bridget Power, who is a native of Waterford, Ireland, and to this union were born eight children, six of whom are now living, John, on the home farm; Joe and James who are located at Bermidji; Mary Ann, the wife of James O'Grady; Maggie, who married Henry Schustmer, and Alice, the wife of Tim McManus, all of whom are residents of Bermidji. Two sons, Patrick Lealas and Edward Lealas, are dead. After almost a half century in Polk county Mr. Lealas is enjoying the latter years of a busy life, keenly interested in and allied with the affairs of the day through his many friendships with men of achievement and accorded the full regard due the sturdy American citizen.

KORNELIUS H. VALOR.

During all of the last thirty-seven years Kornelius H. Valor has lived on and cultivated his fine farm in Section 26, Tynsid township, this county. He came here in 1877 and took the pre-emption on 120 acres and proved up one forty of this in 1879 and then bought 80 acres of a homesteader, which made 160 acres as a homestead. He now has 200 acres, and the farm is pleasantly located nine miles northwest of Climax, twenty miles south of Grand Forks and eighteen miles southwest of Crookston. In 1914 he built on it a very convenient and comfortable twelve-room dwelling house, but the barn and other outbuildings were erected some years previous to that time.

The farm was originally prairie land, and there was nothing but a little log cabin standing on it and but few acres were broken when he bought it. Nearly all of it is now yielding annual crops of magnitude and good quality, wheat, barley and oats being the staple productions, but dairy products from seven to ten milch cows also forming a substantial factor in the business. Mr. Valor has conducted the farming and cattle operations himself from the beginning until recently, when his son Rudolph took charge of them,

relieving his father of all necessity for laborious work or business cares in connection with them.

Mr. Valor is a stockholder in the co-operative creamery at Eldred, seven miles from his home, and he supplies it with cream. His grain crop in 1915 was 2,600 bushels of wheat, 1,450 of oats and 300 of barley. He was born in Norway August 4, 1850, and became a resident of Ottertail county, Minnesota, in 1876. He was reared and married in his native land and there also he learned the carpenter trade. This, with his wife and two children, constituted his whole earthly estate when he came to this country, and he was in debt for a part of his passage money to his new home. A few months after his arrival in Minnesota with his family he moved to Polk county and located on his present farm. He hired a man to break up four acres of it and worked at his trade while waiting for his crops to become sufficient to provide for his household.

In the affairs of his township Mr. Valor has always taken a good citizen's active and helpful part. He served several terms as supervisor at different times and for years as a member of the school board. His political affiliation was first with the Republican party