

On the 4th of October, 1893, Mr. Maltby was united in marriage to Miss Adella Bennett, who was born in Wisconsin, March 12, 1872, and is a daughter of L. W. Bennett, of Canton, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Maltby are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Ella. Mr. Maltby's principal interests are centered in his family and upon his farm, and throughout Winneshiek county he is known and respected as a substantial agriculturist and a desirable and useful citizen.

W. A. VAN VLIET.

W. A. Van Vliet, for the past twenty years a well known breeder of shorthorn cattle in Winneshiek county, is the owner of the Cedar Dawn Stock Farm, on section 32, Hesper township, and ranks with the progressive and substantial agriculturists of this vicinity. He was born in Quebec, Canada, July 12, 1870, and is a representative of a very old American family. He has in his possession a record of the Van Viet's in America, showing that representatives of the line came from Holland in 1635 and settled in Dutchess county, New York, whence they moved to the Canadian frontier in 1800. The great-grandfather of the subject of this review, Jan Van Vliet, settled in Quebec, near the New York state line, acquiring a farm which was occupied by members of the Van Vliet family from 1800 to 1911, when it was sold. The grandfather of the subject of this review, William Van Vliet, was born upon this property and his son, William R., was born in the locality. He was the father of the subject of this review and in 1876 came with his wife and family to Hesper township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he became an extensive landowner, acquiring two hundred acres, one hundred and sixty in the home place on section 32, and forty on section 5, Canoe township. This property he continued to develop until 1902, when he moved to Montana, where his death occurred in June, 1911, at the advanced age of seventy-seven. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Mary A. Sriver, was born in Odelltown, Quebec, October 20, 1839, and survives her husband, making her home in Stevensville, Montana. In this family were five children: E. H., of Stevensville, Montana; Ida May, who resides with her mother and who has been blind since fourteen years of age; Alexander, who also resides in Stevensville, Montana; W. A., of this review; and Fred, of Spokane, Washington.

W. A. Van Vliet was reared upon his father's farm and by assisting in the work of its operation early became familiar with the best and most practical agricultural methods. He is now the owner of the homestead which is known as the Cedar Dawn Stock Farm and for the past twenty years has specialized in the breeding and raising of high-grade shorthorn cattle. He has been very successful and his animals have taken many prizes at the different fairs where they have been exhibited. Mr. Van Vliet's business interests are all carefully and conservatively conducted and have brought him a gratifying measure of success, placing him today among the progressive agriculturists and prosperous stockmen of this vicinity.

In 1902 Mr. Van Vliet was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Wohlford, who was born in Winneshiek county, December 28, 1876, a daughter of Cyrus