

on general farming and stock-raising, meeting with that success which always follows earnest, well directed and persistent labor.

On the 12th of April, 1905, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Janet Elizabeth Caldow, a daughter of Adam Caldow. Mr. Campbell is a republican in his political views and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is one of the progressive and enterprising farmers of his section of the county, and although he is still a young man, has already attained a gratifying degree of success, his record being a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in his community.

#### R. F. STEAD.

R. F. Stead, the second oldest native son of Winneshiek county, is numbered today among the most extensive landowners and prosperous farmers of this locality, owning and operating besides the family homestead, upon which he was born, a half section of land adjoining. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he has won that success which is the natural result of practical methods and earnest and well directed labor. He was born on the property he now owns, August 17, 1856, and is a son of John and Mary (Russell) Stead, the former born near Montreal, Canada, and the latter in Ireland, March 16, 1823. Both have passed away, the father dying February 6, 1894, at the age of seventy, and the mother, July 10, 1910. The paternal grandfather, Francis Stead, was a native of England and went to Montreal, Canada, as a young man, marrying there and spending the remainder of his life engaged in farming and banking. His son, the father of the subject of this review, was one of a family of nine children. He left Canada in the fall of 1853 and came as a pioneer to Winneshiek county, taking up a government claim in Burr Oak township which has been in possession of members of his family since that time. His wife crossed the Atlantic with her parents when she was yet a child and with them settled in Canada, her marriage occurring in the Dominion, May 1, 1850. Four years later she joined her husband, who had preceded her to Burr Oak township in order to make a home, and they continued to reside upon their farm in this locality until 1888, when the father retired from active life and moved into the village of Burr Oak. In their family were four children: Hannah, the widow of Clayton Rollins, of La Crosse, Wisconsin; R. F., of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Alvin Rollins, of Burr Oak township; and Edwin G., a merchant of Canton, Minnesota.

R. F. Stead has resided upon the family homestead all his life and so far as can be ascertained is the second oldest native son of Winneshiek county. He has devoted his entire active life to agricultural pursuits and now in addition to the home farm owns and operates another half section of land adjoining it. All of this property he has accumulated through his own efforts, for he started with an eighty-acre tract encumbered with a debt and is today one of the extensive landowners in this section of the state. In addition to the above mentioned property he owns a half section in North Dakota. He is a