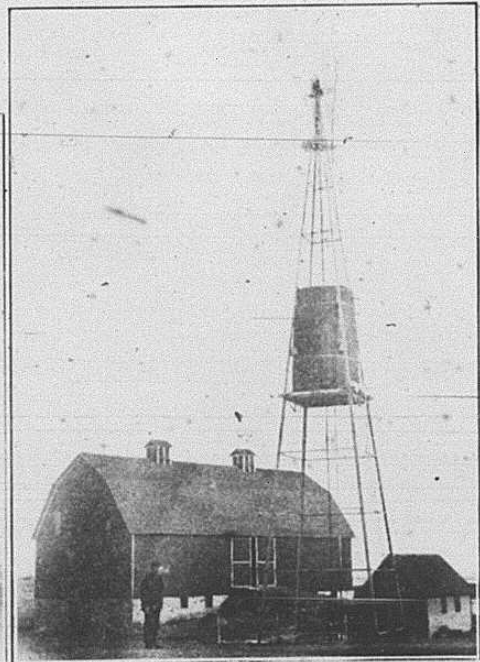


Mr. Nels Johnson

Among the most notable successful farmers located tributary to Courtenay is Mr. Nels Johnson, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Sweden on the 22d day of April, 1866, and was educated in the schools of his native country and came to America in 1885. Without any means, he worked for farmers in the vicinity of Courtenay for the first nine years he was in this country and through industry and frugality he was enabled to start farming for himself in 1894. He began in a small way and worked hard, and there are few men in the community that have been more liber-

value of his personal property amount to more than \$5,000, and all this property has been made in the past twelve years. Mr. Johnson was married in 1902 to Miss Bettie Anderson and they have two bright children and one of the most pleasant homes to be found anywhere. They are in a position to enjoy the best things of life and are certainly happy and contented with their home and pleasant surroundings. Mr. Johnson believes in having everything properly arranged for convenience and comfort and everything around his farm is well arranged. Water is piped into the barn from the



Farm Residence of Nels Johnson, Courtenay, N. D.

ally rewarded for the efforts put forth to build up a home and get in a position to enjoy the good things of life than has Mr. Johnson. For some time he lived in a small house but he now occupies the fine residence shown in the accompanying cut and the barn is numbered among the best in the state. He now owns 800 acres of land that is well worth \$30 an acre, a barn 36x80 feet with a stone basement under the entire building, and costing more than \$4,000 and a fine 10-room house that cost more than \$2,000. He has 18 fine heavy draft horses, 15 head of good grade cattle and also owns and operates a threshing machine, making the

large windmill and tank that is shown in the picture and it is not necessary for the stock to be turned out in the winter time. The upper part of the barn will hold a large amount of hay and feed and this is filled in the fall and it is an easy matter for one man to take care of all the stock that the basement will hold. This is certainly a model farm and when we think of the short time in which Mr. Johnson has made all these improvements and acquired the property it is almost beyond comprehension. What he has done others can do and there is just as good opportunities for getting ahead now as there were when Mr. Johnson started out.