

MR. WILLIAM JONES

Mr. William Jones came to Stutsman County from Wisconsin in 1883 and located on a claim a few miles north of Courtenay. Since then he has farmed from 1,600 to 1,800 acres of his own land each year. He now owns more than 3,000 acres of land and much of it has paid for itself out of the first year's crop. The land which he has farmed for 15 years in succession—in some cases four crops of flax in succession on some of the land—seems to raise just as good crops now as ever. He has run a threshing machine and sometimes two—for the past fourteen years and has always made money by threshing, and from his experience as a farmer and thresher, he believes there is no country that will beat this. The smallest crop of wheat he ever raised was 9½ bushels per acre and it has gone up to 35 bushels per acre. A fair average of wheat crops on land properly farmed, one year with another, in this vicinity, he estimates at

18 to 20 bushels per acre, and the grade of the most of it No. 1 hard. His flax crop for twelve years has averaged 12 bushels per acre and has brought on an average of \$1.10 per bushel. His average oat crop has been at least 40 bushels per acre and barley about the same. One year he threshed about 1,800 acres for Eimon Brothers, just north of Courtenay, and the wheat went 34 bushels, oats over 50 and flax 20 bushels to the acre. When he came here he had about \$150. A team of horses was worth \$500 and interest was 25 per cent and a bonus. He had to haul his grain 25 miles to market. Conditions are much more favorable now and there is no reason why any good farmer cannot make himself independent in a few years farming. The soil is rich and does not wear out. We have plenty of rain and the climate is as good as in Wisconsin. Mr. Jones has a fine home and a large family of bright children.



Home of William Jones, Courtenay, N. D.

MR. L. H. LARSON

The subject of this sketch was born in Winnebago County, Iowa, June 1, 1864, and remained with his parents on the home farm until the spring of 1886 when he came west to Cooperstown and engaged in the business of buying and selling horses and threshing during the fall. In the spring of 1893, the year after the Soo road came to Courtenay he moved over here and engaged in the hardware business, which business he is successfully conducting at the present time. Mr. Larson is a representative business man of Courtenay and his reputation for fair and honorable dealing is well established and brings him trade from a distance. He carries a large and

complete stock of shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, ranges, tinware, cutlery, sporting goods, pumps, windmills, and everything usually found in a first-class hardware store. All goods sold by Mr. Larson are sold upon merit and will prove just as represented and at prices as low as the best grade of goods can be sold for. Mr. Larson is one of the foremost men of the city, and a liberal, enterprising and progressive citizen. He is vice-president of the Stutsman County Bank and is numbered among the substantial men of the community. He has a fine store building and one of the most modern and pleasant homes in the village, and is never happier than when in the society of his own family. He is a typical North Dakotan and is well satisfied with his present comfortable and profitable surroundings.



Hardware Store of L. H. Larson, Courtenay, N. D.