LOUISE LeBLANC

Was born in Nouvelle, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 1879. When she was four years of age her parents moved to Chippewa Falls, Wis., where they lived for nine years—during which time she attended the public schools of that city. When she was thirteen years of age her parents moved to Murry, Gates county, Wis., where they purchased the farm on which they still reside. Louise attended the district school until she was fifteen at which time she completed the course of study for district schools. In the winter of '99 she resumed her studies in the Cadott (Wis.) high school. During the summer of '00 she attended the summer school and teachers' institute at Chippewa Falls, Wis., and obtained her first teacher's certificate.

During the fall of '00 and the winter of '01 she taught in the Wallace school for five months. This was followed by a term of two months in the Villiard school during the following spring. The school was closed early on account of the prevalence of smallpox in the neighborhood.

Miss LeBlanc has been employed to teach in the Villiard school during the fall of '01.

ADOLPH LESSARD

Was born in Three Rivers, Canada, September 16, 1851. Left Canada for Wisconsin in 1871. On his way he passed through Chicago while it was burning during the great fire of that year. His brother, Peter Lessard ("French Pete") had located on Sec. 35-39-6 a few months previous to this time. Adolph landed on this farm September 17, 1872. Consequently he claims to be the third white settler within the territorial limits of Sawyer county—being preceded only by Charles Belille and his brother, Peter. Bought a half interest in this
place from his brother in 1875, and in 1877 he came into full possession of it. He still owns this farm—having about 110 acres under cultivation.

On April 7, 1892, he moved to Crane Creek (Sec. 8-40-7) and conducted a farm and kept a stopping place. Moved to the village of Hayward, April 14, 1901, where he now lives and keeps the hotel which is known as the Lessard Hotel—formerly known as the Anderson House.

Mr. Lessard was married January 1, 1877, to Lizzie Dorn of Eau Claire, Wis. Has nine children—Edward, born September 7, 1879; William, October 14, 1881; Barbara, July 2, 1883, (married Oma Cayo, August 5, 1901); Laura, March 12, 1885; Katherine, August 23, 1887; Lottie, July 3, 1890; Robert, January 15, 1892; Frederick, May 27, 1894; Melvina, May 18, 1896.

His brother, Peter, now lives at Ingram, Gates county, Wis., and his brother, Paul, lives on the “Tommy Manwaring place”—Sec. 3-39-6.

The subject of this sketch was a member of the board of school directors of the town of Hayward for two years, being elected to that position from sub-district No. 3 in ’88 and ’92. He had the contract for building the Crawford school house and was assisted in the carpenter work by C. C. Brown. As stated elsewhere, he built the first Crane Creek school house at his own expense. He also built the second school house erected there but it was at the expense of the school district.

LESSARD SCHOOL.

(See Crawford school.)