

Makes Horse Raising Pay.

A. T. Drakeley who lives three and one-half miles southeast of Sberbrooke, came to this county in 1883, from Albert Lea, Minn., bringing with him three teams and 8 cows, which he was in debt for, and after paying the expenses of getting here had just three dollars left. The same year he filed on the homestead where he at present lives and to which he has since added 320 acres more so that he at present owns $\frac{3}{4}$ of a section. He has 320 acres under cultivation and 160 which he has fenced in and uses for pasture. Besides improving his land Mr. Drakeley has erected a barn 48x80 and a neat and comfortable dwelling house. Mr. Drakeley is extensively engaged in stock raising and has succeeded well, particularly with horses. At present he owns 28 head of horses and colts and 10 head of cattle. This spring he has sold horses to the amount of \$1,250 and since having been engaged in stock farming the horses he has raised and sold have averaged him \$150 each. Mr. Drakeley's crop of grain last year was as follows: 200 acres of wheat 5,400 bushels; 47 acres of oats 1,400 bushels; 50 acres of barley 2,000 bushels. A portion of his oats and barley was raised on land that he rented. His entire crop was injured by hail. Mr. Drakeley is an old soldier having enlisted in Co. I, 23rd. Wis. Cavalry at the age of 18 years, serving 1 year when he was disabled and sent home. As soon as he was able he re-enlisted in Battery L, 1st. Wis. H. A. and served until the close of the war.