

## Hon. Alfred Beecher Cox

Hon. Alfred Beecher Cox was for 6 years a member of N. Dak senate, and is Vice-president and general manager of the Northern Seed Company of Valley City, and president of the Dakota-Montana Land & Investment Co.

He was born in Colchester Co. Nova Scotia, on March 18, 1863, a son of Abraham and Susan (Bentley) Cox, who were natives of the same locality and representatives of old families there who engaged in farming and stock raising. The father ~~was~~ became an extensive farmer and also dealt successfully in live stock until he died at 74 years.

Of a family of 7 children A. B. Cox was eldest. He attended the public schools, attended the Horton Academy and the Acadia College at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, taking the arts course. Afterward, he clerked for a year at Truro. In 1883 he went to Cooperstown N. Dak, where he remained 2 years. He then went to Sanborn, where he lived 12 years, where he was connected with lumber and grain trades. In 1897 he went to Valley City, being interested in the elevators along the Northern Pacific Railroad, and also interested in Barnes county farm lands. In 1913 he became associated with General A. P. Peake,



and others in buying out the Northern Seed Co, which had been established some years before. Mr. Cox became Vice-president and general manager upon the re-organization of the business, to the present.

Mr. Cox was married May 25, 1887, to Miss Grace Van Voorhis, a native of Pennsylvania, and daughter of James H. Van Voorhis, one of the early settlers west of Coopersston, who settled there 1882.

They had two sons: Edward B., who attended the public schools and normal school at Valley City and was graduated from U. of Mich. He is now Secy. and manager of the Cox-Nelson Co, doing business at Courtney. He married Genevieve McFarland, daughter of Geo. A. McFarland, Pres. of Valley City Normal School.

The other son, Gordon Van Voorhis, attended Valley City public schools and the Normal School, and then went to the First National Bank of Fargo.

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