

## C. A. Roberts

C. A. Roberts is a native of Harmony Maine. When a child he came with his parents to Minnesota and lived in the vicinity of Minneapolis from 1853 until June 8, 1871, when he came to Fargo. July 8, of that year, he took a claim on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 7 where he still resides. August 8, 1871, he removed with his family to this place and in April 1872, engaged in lumber business which he carried on for two years. He also conducted a meat market business one year from the spring of 1872, and for many years engaged in government contracting on the Missouri River. He then returned to Fargo, and built the first steam mill, which was located near the present site of the Tremont House. In ~~1876~~ 1876 it was destroyed by a tornado and immediately re-built; in 1877 it was burnt. In the fall of 1881 he built the Fargo Roller Mills, the present capacity of which is 400 barrels every twenty-four hours. Since 1874 he has been engaged in farming in connection with his other interests. He is one-third owner of the town site of Cooperstown and owns a half interest in the town site of Hobart and a like interest in the town of Daisey. He perfected the organization of Sauborn, Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain Railroad. Sold the bonds of that

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company and built the railroad. He is also identified with the Fargo Southern Railway, the Fargo Street Railway, Fargo Iron Works, Coperton Elevator Company, Yellowstone National Park Improvement Company, and is a member of the firm of Stanford & Co, flour and feed merchants, Fargo. He has been City Justice and Alderman, was one of the first Co. Commissioners, elected in Cass County, but declined that honor; is also interested in the Water Works Company of this city and is one of the most public spirited and enterprising citizens of Dakota.

Bibliog: Atlas of Dakota, 1884, p 246-