

HENRY L. MAYHEW is a man of large experience in the industrial world and has passed through many hardships and much arduous work to attain the position he now occupies. He resides about eight miles east from Kingsley, where he has an estate of four hundred acres, over half of which is now under the plow. He took the first part of it as a homestead and after improving that, purchased the balance. He raises grain and stock and is one of the thrifty and leading men of this section. Mr. Mayhew is a man of wide information and keeps himself well posted in the literature of the world and its progress. He was well educated in the French schools of his youth, but when he came to the United States he took up the task of mastering the English language, so as to speak, read and write it correctly. He has accomplished this task, which is no small one, and entirely without instruction, which shows his tenacity and ability.

Henry L. Mayhew was born near Stony Point, Ontario, on April 16, 1863, the son of Jacob and Lucy (Brunnett) Mayhew, both natives of Stony Point. The father came from a French colonial family and remained in his native place until his death, which occurred when our subject was seven. The mother also descended from a French colonial family and now dwells at Stony Point. After being educated, Henry L., went to Michigan, being then seventeen. Two years later he returned to Ontario and then entered the employ of the Canadian Pacific. Later he contracted on the construction of that line in British Columbia and following that he took a trip overland, with his blankets and provisions on his back, to Sandpoint, Idaho. Two companions accompanied him and they had a hard time. Then Mr. Mayhew did contract work on the Northern Pacific, and after that did logging at Chehalis. Two years later he came to Wasco county and took the homestead mentioned. He went to work with a will to make a home and gain a fortune and he has succeeded well. He started without means, but has prospered exceedingly in his work since.

At The Dalles, on November 25, 1895, Mr. Mayhew married Mrs. Lulu Wildrick, the daughter of Harvey and Jennie (Brown) Smith. The father died in the east, but the mother lives with this daughter. The former was born in Vermont, and the latter in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mayhew was born in Michigan. By her former marriage she has one son, Willie, who is a student in Holme's business college in Portland. To Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew one son has been born, Arthur. Mrs. Mayhew is an only child. Mr. Mayhew has the following named brothers and sisters: Patrick, Napoleon, Mrs. Emily Bully, Mrs. Delama DeMarrais, and Mrs. Selena DeMarrais. Mr. Mayhew was the first one to come here from Stony Point, and now several of his early associates are here and prosperous men. In politics, he is a Republican and active in the interests of his party. He is school director and has been for a long time. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the W.W., and is also chairman of the precinct committee.

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