

JOSEPH DENI is one of the substantial men of Wasco county, the kind who do things and materially assist to build up the county and augment its wealth. He is an industrious man, well liked and always attentive to the business in hand. His labors here have been faithful, and it is interesting to note that when he came here he was without funds, but with a determination to win his way to wealth and prominence, he took hold with his hands, working on the farms for wages, and the result is that today he is one of the wealthy men of the community. Mr. Deni came to Wasco county in 1887, with Mr. Trudell, who is now his partner, and they both worked out on the farms. After a time at that, they had saved enough money to warrant them taking land and starting for themselves. This they did, securing homesteads where the estate is now located, about six miles east from Kingsley. With characteristic pluck and stability, Mr. Deni began the improvements on his homestead and little by little made the place valuable, besides laying by enough money to purchase more land. Step by step the two men have toiled along until their estate is now of the mammoth proportions of seventeen hundred and ninety-five acres. A portion of this is used for pasture and a part is laid under tribute to produce grain. This year they had five hundred acres of wheat and there is much more of the estate that can be broken up and tilled. Messrs. Trudell and Deni are enterprising and thrifty men and are making money ill their labors. In addition to the farming, they handle a good many cattle and winter about eighty to one hundred.

Joseph Deni was born at Stony Point, Ontario, on September 3, 1864, the son of Peter and Jadik (Trudell) Deni. His father was born in Montreal and now is farming in Ontario. His mother was born at Stony Point, the aunt of his partner, on the father's side. She is still living in the old home place. Our subject was reared and educated at his home place and in 1887, as stated before, came west with his partner. Since then they have continued here together. Mr. Deni has five brothers, Frank, Daniel, Ernest, Alexander, and Ralph, all in Stony Point, except Ralph, who rents land in Wasco county. He also has three sisters, Cecilia, Adele, and Adeline. In politics, Mr. Deni is a Democrat and is always keenly interested in public matters and educational affairs.

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