

## **Michael Ryan**

First saw the light of day on Sept. 29, 1850, arrived in Cedar Lake when six years old, May 2, 1856, grew to manhood there, won a bride, Miss Bridget O'Keefe. They were the first couple married in St. Patrick's church, that being in June 1873, in the old structure. The couple moved to St. Catherine's and farmed successfully for about sixty years. Mrs. Ryan died on March 1, 1937. At Mr. Ryan's funeral services, Rev. O'Connell officiated, Rev. Peter Lang and Rev. Moriarty of Minneapolis assisting at both church and graveside rites. Pallbearers were six grandsons – Harold and Emmett Flynn, also Michael and Emmett Ryan of St. Catherine's and Francis and Wm. Lang of St. Paul. It was one of St. Catherine's church's largest funerals. Michael Ryan's living descendants are three sons, John, Henry and Joseph Ryan of St. Catherine's; three daughters, Mrs. M.J. Lang (Mary) of Prior Lake, MN; Mrs. M.J. Flynn (Delia) of St. Catherine's; Mrs. J.E. berry (Nellie) residing in St. Paul, Minn. There are 34 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. One sister also lives, Mrs. John Feran of Duluth. When Michael died his brother John R. still lived, over in the next parish, but he too passed on, 28 hours later.