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[FROM THE HAMILTON WEEKLY TIMES.]

*THE RETAIL MARBLE TRADE,—In Importance it
Compares Favorably with the Wholesale,—what
Hope, Furniss & Son are doing.*

WHILE the wholesale marble trade of the city is of such large proportions, the retail trade is equally important, and we are in possession of some items concerning the firm of Hope, Furniss & Son, who are to be considered as representatives of this interest. The works and yards of the firm occupy a central location at the corner of Merrick and Bay streets, and are well worth visiting by those who take any interest in this branch of business—combining, as it does, much that is artistic with the higher type of mechanics.

The works are the largest of the kind in the Dominion, and are the results of a consolidation of two large establishments at the time the present firm was formed—in January last. Previous to that time Messrs. Furniss & Son had been carrying on the business. Both of them are thoroughly practical men, fully understanding all the details of the business—indeed Mr. E. M. Furniss had, for eighteen or twenty years been foreman for Hurd & Roberts, while his son Mr. Spencer Furniss, learned his trade here.

The premises occupied comprise nearly one-half an entire block, upon which are two separate shops, two large yards, dwelling houses, &c. The force of workmen employed is usually thirty or more, and eight experienced canvassers are kept out, taking orders from photographs and lithographs of finished work. A large business is thus attracted from all the surrounding country, and specimens of exquisite work emanating from their shops may be found in almost countless cemeteries. Not only is work finished to order, in any style and after any design, but a large quantity of finished work is also carried—of Scotch granite alone about \$10,000