

stories, 160x59 feet and an engine house 60x40. The force employed usually numbers 25. As nearly as possible the work is done by machinery. Great blocks of Italian and American marble are received direct from the quarries, and in the workrooms of the firm are cut up to such sizes as are required. Seven gangs of saws are used, each gang containing from half a dozen to twenty or more saws, according to the desired thickness of the slabs. These saws are operated by steam power, and day after day the process of sawing marble is carried forward. The saws are so thin that there is but little kerf, and the huge blocks and monuments are easily handled by means of powerful cranes. Two lines of railway skirt the premises owned by the firm—the Great Western and the Canada Southern—so that receipts and shipments are effected at little trouble, and the entire business appears to be perfectly systematized.

The trade of the firm in Scotch granite is simply immense. At least \$80,000 worth is exported by them to the United States each year, and in the yard we notice a great many magnificent specimens of this beautiful stone. In Scotland a large stock ready for exportation is also carried, and the resources of the firm are such that they can fill any order at almost a moment's notice. This completeness of stock is unequalled in the Dominion and not even surpassed in the States. The entire business is at wholesale, and though it is an enterprise that makes little display, yet in its aggregate transactions it is one of which the people of Hamilton may take pride.

All of the co-partners give personal attention to the business, Mr. Hurd attending to the outside matters, Mr. Hope presiding over the office, while Mr. Roberts manages the shipping department. All are workers, and need not be ashamed of the results of their work.