

## The Fisher Ice Tool Company.

**M**R. J. F. FISHER was an edge-tool maker and had been extensively engaged in the business in Hamilton for many years, and his son Joseph Fisher learned the trade with him. Mr. Fisher finally sold his business to M. Bare and Joseph Fisher, became Mr. Bare's Superintendent.

In 1888 Joseph Fisher, Jacob Lorenz, and Mr. Herman Augspurger established the Fisher Ice Tool Co., with an incorporated capital of ten thousand dollars. The line of manufacture included ice-harvesting tools and ice-elevating machinery. A specialty was made of a double ice-marker which Mr. Fisher had lately invented, and this implement is practically superceding the old single line markers in all of the ice-harvesting fields of the country. In connection with this implement the surprising fact developed that it took less power to cut two grooves in the ice than it did to cut one. The new implement did just twice the work of the old one and did it easier.

The line of products of the Company includes every machine or implement used in the ice trade, and these goods are found wherever ice is harvested or handled.

The growth of the business in the hands of these pushing men may be judged from the fact that for the season of 1888-90, the first season after beginning business, the sales were nine thousand dollars. The second season of 1889-90 they were twenty-one thousand dollars. The last season, that of 1890-91, they were thirty-three thousand dollars.

In 1889 Mr. Augspurger retired from the business, which is now owned entirely by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lorenz. New products have lately been added to the list and the establishment is now engaged largely in making metallic poles for electric railways, and also metallic specialties employed in electric railway work. Steel street-crossings are also being made.