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THE HUGHES MFG CO.

Grain-cleaning Machinery etc.

IN 1849 Learned & Hughes patented certain improvements in grain-cleaning machinery, and at this time, the art was in its infancy. In 1860 Hughes patented the volute system of bran duster. The business of manufacturing and selling this machinery was carried on in Hamilton by Mr. Hughes and various other associates for quite a number of years and with magnificent success, the machines being sold very extensively and at handsome profits. The business was finally incorporated as the Stephen Hughes Manufacturing Co. and was operated by Mr. Stephen Hughes and Mr. Robert Hughes.

The manufacturing business was conducted in the shop formerly occupied by Black & Clawson on the corner of Water and Market Streets.

In 1882 the Edmands Manufacturing Company was formed and engaged in the manufacture of grain-cleaning machinery, Mr. Edmands being the moving spirit and Mr. Heimsath his principle colleague. Upon the death of Mr. Edmands, Mr. Heimsath became Superintendent, and finally purchased the entire business.

In 1887 Mr. Robert Hughes and Mr. Heimsath formed the Standard Grain-cleaner Co. which took over the business of the Edmands Manufacturing Company, the factory being located in the Morey factory building at the West end of High Street. In 1890 the Hughes Manufacturing Co. was incorporated, forming a consolidation of the Stephen Hughes Manufacturing Co. and the Standard Grain-Cleaner Co., taking up the manufacture of their combined products, the principal owners being Stephen Hughes and Robert Hughes. In June 1891 both of the Messrs Hughes retired. Mr. H. P. Deuscher is now President of the Company, Mr. F. C. Heimsath Vice-President and Treasurer, and Mr. W. H. Stephen Secretary. They occupy their own new factory on Water Street, a brick structure operated by water power. The concern manufactures wheat separators, graders, smutters, corn-cleaners and separators, flour feeders and mixers, flour blenders and vertical and horizontal bran dusters; in all a line of fifty-three sizes and styles of machine. The machines have been sold by the thousand all over the known world where grain cleaning machinery is used.