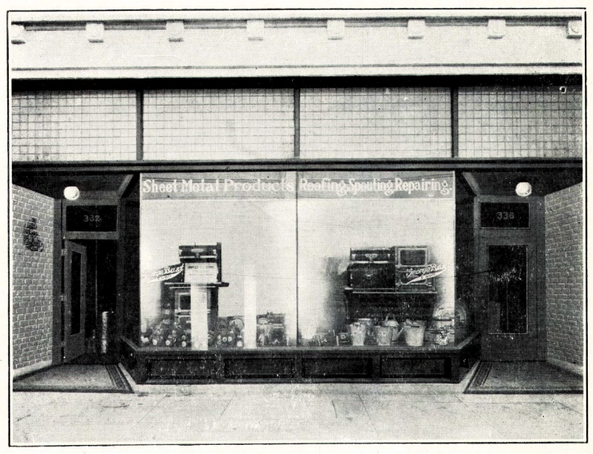
GEORGE BAST & SON

Dealers In Hardware



STORE OF GEORGE BAST & SON.

George Bast, senior member of the firm of George Bast & Son, entered business in Hamilton in the year 1883 as a partner of Philip Held. In 1885, the firm of Bast & Stillwaugh was organized. Ten years later Mr. Bast withdrew from the firm and moved to 154 North Third street where he engaged in business for himself. A few years ago, Otto Bast, was taken into the concern and today, with his father, conducts one of the most complete and up-to-date stores in Hamilton. The firm is fully prepared to do tin work and metal work of all kinds.

The firm has enjoyed a surprising growth since its organization and in a few years after the firm had become George Bast & Son, it was seen that new quarters would be necessary within a very short time. Consequently, plans were made for the erection of a new building and on July 3, 1910, the firm moved into its present building at 332-336 High street. The building is a three story structure. The firm occupies the first floor and basement, while the second and third floors compose some of the most modern flats in the city. The firm has a floor space of 32 by 86 feet, large enough to keep a complete display of goods on hand at all times. The present building will prove adequate for the needs of the firm for several years to come.

George Bast & Son handle a complete line of stoves, furnaces, cooking utensils, tinware and roofing, both tin and slate.

They manufacture boiler breeching and stacks, furnace pipes and fittings, chimney stacks, ridge roll cornices, skylights, ventilators etc. The concern gives especial attention to sheet metal products and employs none but the most skilled of mechanics and the best of materials. George Bast & Son can make anything that can be made of sheet metal and make a specialty of their heavy iron sheet work.

Prompt attention, care in every detail, and courtesy in every action have proved the stepping stones to the firm's success. The firm is one of which Hamilton may well feel proud.

THE C. HOSSFELD & SON CO.

Way back in 1865, Charles Hossfeld laid the foundation for the business which is now known as The C. Hossfeld & Son Company, dealers in foreign and domestic Wines, Liquors, Brandies, Cordials etc. The business has prospered from the beginning owing to the confidence its patrons have in their high grade goods dispensed first by Charles Hossfeld from 1865 to 1894, then by C. Hossfeld & Son until 1904 when the business was taken over by The C. Hossfeld & Son Co., who have and will continue to carry out the policy adopted by the founder, who from the inception of the business never sold any goods to be consumed on the premises, confining his efforts in building up a trade among the cafes in this and adjoining states, and to families who use the goods in their homes. A mail order branch was added five years ago and likewise has steadily increased, and added fame to our fair city by the publicity it gets through the immense amount of advertising matter sent customers and prospective customers. The present management is keeping abreast of the times in always looking out for the best interests of its patrons.

C. S. JACOBI, Photographer

C. S. Jacobi of the C. S. Jacobi Co., makes a real art of the business of photography. His portrait pictures do not "flatter" the subject, because the likeness always is accurate, but they are complimentary, for Mr. Jacobi is adept at making people appear their best, and knows how to coax out the most ingratiating expression.

The studio is most modern and complete in every way, yet Mr. Jacobi's work is not limited to these quarters. He makes a specialty of outside work, is the official photographer of many shops and factories, and is in demand at business houses for commercial jobs. He is equally skillful in taking pictures of babies and machinery.

Mr. Jacobi's better class of work demands prices from $10 to $20. This signature on a photograph is a certificate of quality and permanency.

For newspaper work Mr. Jacobi is well-equipped.

Fortunate in getting pictures of interesting places at opportune times, such as the falling of the High and Main Street bridge, Mr. Jacobi had more flood photographs than all of the other photographers in Hamilton combined. He published and sold by the thousands copies of an attractive booklet of these flood views.

His spirit of enterprise has had much to do with Mr. Jacobi's success. He has a sense of news values, and is at all times ready and eager to secure striking views of events, even though the task be at the expense of personal comfort, time and effort.

As an example of this, a newspaper reporter tells how he persuaded Mr. Jacobi to crawl out of bed on a zero night and walk through the cold to the police station, there to enter the "flop room" and take a flashlight picture of eighty sleeping hoboes. Mr. Jacobi arranged the picture so that a headline reading, "Living within our income," on a newspaper used by one of the men as a pillow, showed plainly in the photograph.

Mr. Jacobi has enterprise, taste, business judgment and manly integrity. He merits his success.

GEO. KREBS

Hamilton's Leading Piano and Furniture Dealer

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George Krebs began his business career in Hamilton in 1893. That was 20 years ago, and at that time he opened a clothing store at 109 South Third Street. The following year, owing to the demands for larger quarters from the increase of business, the firm removed to High and Second streets. Two years later under a steadily increasing and accumulating volume of trade a second removal was necessitated and the present quarters of the George Krebs Clothing Store at Third and High streets were secured and occupied. After ten years of very satisfactory success in the clothing business, in the fall of 1906, Mr. Krebs leased the new Odd Fellows building with its frontage of 60 by 100 feet in depth, at 15-17 and 19 South Third street, adjoining the clothing store.

He converted this into a very important adjunct and branch of his business by installing therein the largest furniture, carpet and rug department in this city or Butler county. He occupies the basement, first, second and third floors of the building, with a bigger stock and better bargains than can be met with here or elsewhere in any of the larger cities of the state.

In the conduct of his business Mr. Krebs is ably assisted by his sons, Adolph, Louis Arnold and Joe Krebs, and as he well and proudly, and with good reason, says,—"Just watch those young men build up the business. They have acquired a thorough business education and are thoroughly familiar with the wants of the people and have the knowledge intelligently to satisfy them. But few people are familiar with the immense volume of business done by the Krebs Furniture and Piano departments. Pianos and Victrolas are the latest addition to the store, and Mr. Krebs buys the best pianos only, such as Steinway and Sons, Henry F. Miller, Mehlin, Emerson, Lindemann, and many other goods makes. As the piano men say,—"Nothing but the best is good enough for Krebs."

Pianos will be one of the Main Departments of this business.

In every department of the Krebs Store the imperative instructions are that the best values must be given for fair values received. It is upon this principle of honest dealing, honest values and honorable methods that George Krebs owes his high standing in the business and mercantile world of this city today, and upon which, by his individual energy and enterprise, he has built up his business to the splendid proportion it occupies, and to which it will owe its greater development in the future.