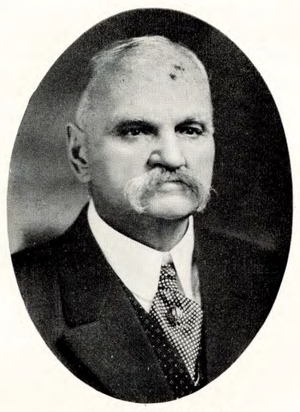


G. A. RENTSCHLER,
President.

THE HAMILTON FOUNDRY AND MACHINE COMPANY

HENRY SOHN,
Director.

To make the best light gray iron castings made in America. That is the fundamental underlying ideal upon which the big organization of the Hamilton Foundry and Machine Company is built.

G. A. Rentschler and Henry Sohn, established in 1875, the firm, Sohn and Rentschler and engaged in the manufacture of light gray iron castings. They were pioneers in this line of manufacture in the central west. Prior to that time, the great bulk of light gray iron castings used in the United States were made in the eastern sea board states. The last forty years has seen the great majority of this character of business transferred to the middle west and from a small foundry, thirty-eight years ago, has grown the present large institution, now incorporated as the Hamilton Foundry and Machine Company, who have kept pace with the growing manufacturing interests of the middle west and who are always keeping ahead of all competitors by each year making castings a little better than they have ever been made before.

The old Sohn and Rentschler plant was destroyed by the flood of March, 1913, but its business was immediately consolidated with the Hamilton Foundry and Machine Company and a large new addition erected to house it.

It took years for the company to develop this article to the place which it now occupies among plants in this country, but with that highly progressive spirit which marks everything which the officers of the company attempt, they have finally succeeded in their endeavors.

The iron gray castings of the Hamilton Foundry and Machine Company are used as a standard in the trade and competing concerns are compelled to gauge their product by that of the local company.

One may imagine the great number of pieces molded in a day when it is considered that fifty tons of metal is melted every day and the company will not accept an order for a casting weighing more than 100 pounds

It is one of the largest light weight gray iron foundries in the state. It has been the constant aim of the officers to produce the best castings that men and sand and iron can make. That they have achieved this aim is attested by the substantial recognition they have received from satisfied consumers of their product in all parts of the country. Their castings are considered the standard by users everywhere.

The company's great plant is located in East Hamilton, where so many other important industries are situated. It was established about twenty-five years ago, primarily for supplying the local demand for castings.

Year by year the business grew and important changes in the facilities of the plant marked its progress. The original foundry was 100 feet by 200 feet. Several additions have been constructed which now give the company a floor space of over five acres.

The plant is modern in every detail. All the machinery is electrically driven. Traveling cranes, compressed air, power moulding machines and all labor and time-saving appliances known to conservative foundry practice have been installed. In fact, modern appliances of every kind have been introduced in all departments which are a saving to the concern as well as a matter of convenience to the many employes of the big plant.

A fine new power house where the machinery for driving the machines in the big foundry, is housed, was erected several years ago and is one of the finest equipped and most modern in the city.

The City of Hamilton may well feel proud of the accomplishments of The Hamilton Foundry and Machine Co. In the matter of manufacture of gray iron castings, light and medium the concern is unexcelled. Through hard, diligent labor, the company has met all legitimate competition from every part of the manufacturing world and forging ahead of the best of the competitors has won the coveted position as leader of all other industries engaged in manufacturing a similar product.

Recognition has been given the concern in many trade papers, and illustrations of the character of the work turned out may be seen at any time in the big journals of the industrial world. The superior quality of the castings turned out by The Hamilton Foundry and Machine Company have made the concern famous.

If a casting is worth anything at all it should be able to stand the work for which it is designed. The gray iron castings of The Hamilton Foundry and Machine Co. will stand the test of time. They are the standards by which other castings are judged. They set the mark for the products of other concerns. It is by them that the great foundries of the country judge the worth of their castings.

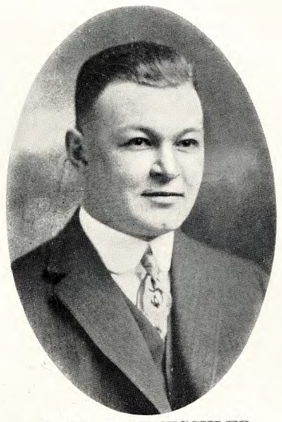
Competition has not injured the Hamilton Foundry and Machine Co., but has rather stimulated the men who direct its affairs to greater fields of activity and in this striving after perfection the well known foundry has about reached the point of perfection.

This in itself would be acceptable to most concerns, but The Hamilton Foundry and Machine Co., aspires to perfection in its work. Changes are constantly being made at the big plant whereby a more perfect, or a more suitable casting may be produced.

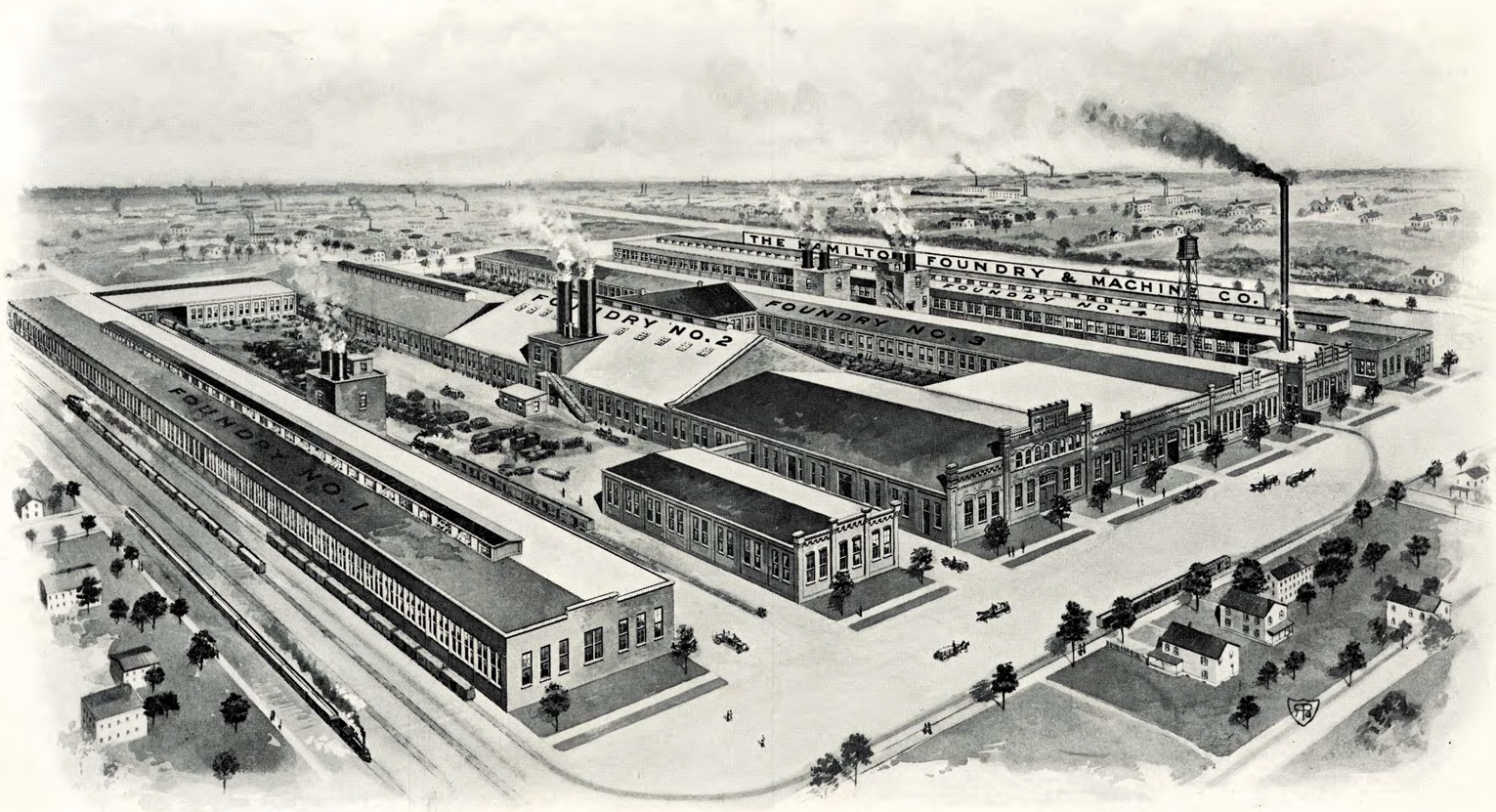
How this concern has risen step by step from its origin is a story which cannot be told here. It is a tale of individual achievement along foundry lines. It is a story of success and progress. It is a story of the rise of a great industry, happily prospering now and with every indication of a still greater prosperity in the future.

The officials of the concern are all practical foundry men skilled in the business in which they are engaged. Men who have worked from the bottom—the lowest position in factory work—to the highest; men who operate their business in a systematic and business-like manner. G. A. Rentschler, vice-president of The Hooven-Owens-Rentschler Co., is president of The Hamilton Foundry and Machine Co.; Gordon S. Rentschler, is vice-president; H. A. Rentschler, president of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co., is secretary and treasurer; J. W. Young is superintendent. These men together with Henry Sohn and Fred B. Rentschler comprise the Board of Directors.

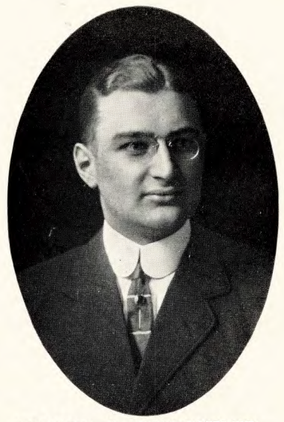
HENRY A. RENTSCHLER,
Secretary and Treasurer.



FRED B. RENTSCHLER,
Director.



PLANT OF THE HAMILTON FOUNDRY AND MACHINE COMPANY.



GORDON S. RENTSCHLER,
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