

BESSEMER, IN OPPORTUNITY'S CIRCLE

IN THE HEART OF NATURE'S WEALTH PRODUCING ZONE—IRON ORE, LUMBER AND CUT-OVER TIMBER LANDS FOR MIXED FARMING, DAIRYING AND STOCK-RAISING

L. H. Truettner Co.

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Established in 1889, and occupies a floor space 80x112 feet, two floors, employing 14 salesmen to handle its retail and wholesale departments. Every city has its big store, and Bessemer is no exception to the rule, and in this particular L. H. Truettner company fills the bill perfectly, giving its customers the best quality of goods, lowest prices and the largest variety to select from, besides making daily deliveries, but all the cutting territory, covering the mining and logging camps.

An Exclusive Drygoods House.

The pride of the feminine heart is in drygoods, cloaks, suits, furnishing and millinery emporium of Philip J. Skud, a company, successors to the Skud Drygood company that was established in 1903. This metropolitan establishment covers a ground space 45x75 feet and full basement, where in addition to the above lines a complete stock of rugs, carpets and draperies is carried, equal to many of the retail houses of Duluth and St. Paul, and for this reason enjoys an extensive patronage not only in Bessemer, but from the adjoining tributary towns who want the best in up-to-date goods, especially in women's ready-to-wear garments and millinery. Philip J. Skud, manager of the business, is also serving the city as alderman of the First ward, which is another mark of appreciation, showing his great popularity among the masses.

Skud, Goldman & Co.

This business was established in 1894, and has grown from a small beginning to one of large dimensions, in the lines of goods carried, drygoods.

ment to from three to six journey-men tailors, according to season.

North Side Department Store.

This is one of the busy trading centers of Bessemer and where its future growth must come from not only in business blocks but residences as well. Among the many leading business houses is that of the North Side Department store, owned by Frank Kulaszewicz and Adolph Skwor, who established the business in 1888. The stock of goods carried covers dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, furnishings, groceries, meats and provisions. They own their store building and warehouse, also an improved farm in the city limits which certainly puts them on the sunny side of the street in a business way. Mr. Kulaszewicz owns 40 acres of choice farm land north of Bessemer that he intends to put under cultivation.

Charles Rund, General Merchandise.

This business was established in 1888 by Charles Rund, and covers groceries, meats, boots and shoes, drygoods, men's clothing and furnishings. Mr. Rund owns his store building, size 55x75, also warehouse where the surplus stock is carried, size 28x75 feet. In addition to his store business he owns a 20-acre farm under cultivation where he raises 250 bushels of potatoes to the acre and harvests from 3 to 4 tons of timothy and clover to the acre. Mr. Rund states that there is more money in the cultivation of the soil in this section of Gogebic county than in the mercantile business.

The Leading Jeweler.

Axel Kristianson established this business in 1902 and by close attention to business and carrying a com-

pletely fitted up for doing strictly first-class work, in his own art studio, size 22x66 feet, besides having branch photo studios at Wakefield, Mich., and Mellen, Wis.

Palace of Sweets.

The one popular place is that of the Palace of Sweets, conducted by Knight & Harrington, covering a ground space of 24x75 feet, fitted up with attractive fixtures for the display of their choice lines of confectionery, popular brands of cigars and smokers' goods, stationery, news depot, where all the magazines and daily papers are handled, and in the rear of which is the ice cream parlor, making it an attractive place to patronize. Messrs. Knight and Harrington are entitled to much credit for the public spirit they have displayed in giving the people of Bessemer and this section such a clean up-to-date place of business.

The Horse Clothier.

One of the old-time pioneer business men is J. A. Vogtlin, the proprietor of the Bessemer Harness Manufactory, and dealer in everything pertaining to the saddlery business. Mr. Vogtlin established the business in 1886, and from a small beginning has built up a trade that covers all of the section of the upper peninsula. The business is carried on in his own building, size 20x50, which is equipped with everything pertaining to the manufacture of harness, collars and other horse trappings. In addition to this business, Mr. Vogtlin is superintendent of the infirmary, one of the noted institutions for taking care of the public wards.

Wm. Waters & Co.

One of the most successful and widely known general merchants is the above, that has been established many years, dealers in fresh and salt meats, fish, poultry, groceries and provisions, flour, feed and hay. Mr. Waters owns the entire block in which his business is situated, which certainly proves his abiding faith in the upbuilding of his adopted city, which in part may account for the business prosperity of Wm. Waters & Co., that numbers its patrons in all sections tributary to the immediate trade in Bessemer.

The Gogebic House.

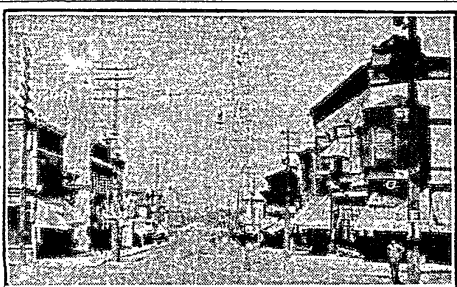
There are many business landmarks established by men who had faith in the present and future of Bessemer, but none that is better known than the Gogebic house, that is the property of Stephen Wozniak, a two-story, 40-room house, size 42x85, steam heated and electric lighted, one of the popular \$1.50 per day hotels of this section; fine buffet in connection. Mr. Wozniak owns a 40-acre farm in the city limits, part of which is improved, where he makes a specialty of growing potatoes, onions, cabbages and other root crops.

Public Places.

In the matter of public places Bessemer is well supplied, having a number of first-class buffets that cater to the wants of the public and tourists, all operated by men of the best standing in the community. Among this number, we will give passing notice to the following:

Wroblewski & Rice are proprietors of the Board of Trade buffet, which is supplied with the best of pure food refreshments, wines, liquors and smokers' goods. The business was established some 11 years ago, and in its present location five years. The fixtures are in quartered oak, mahogany finish, while there are three clubrooms, tastefully furnished and where paid lunches are served, making it one of the attractive business men's headquarters of this section.

Joseph Wozniak has been in business here some 14 years in his own building, size 22x100 feet, and rated as one of the cozy places of the North side, where none but the best cigars, wines and liquors are served to its patrons. Mr. Wozniak was elected alderman in the spring of 1905 and holds a place on the committee of public grounds and buildings, also health, which proves his high standing in the community. He is much interested in farm development in this section, owning 50 acres in Bessemer town-



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women's ready-to-wear garments, men's and boy's clothing, footwear, trunks, valises and kindred lines. They give employment to 10 salesmen, to handle the business, and cover a ground space of 45x90 feet, two floors. Skud, Goldman & Co. also have a branch store at Wakefield, a two-story brick building, size 40x75 feet, with basement, the whole of which is occupied for the business, a department being in the basement.

The Pioneer Merchant.

In 1887 when Bessemer was in its swaddling clothes, A. Abelman opened a clothing, drygoods, boot and shoe, and men's furnishing house, and today occupies one of the leading store buildings, 50x90 feet, where an up-to-date stock is carried in all these lines, including women's ready-to-wear apparel, coats and suits. Mr. Abelman is a native of Russia, being born there in 1852, emigrating to the United States in 1881 to Chicago, where he got his first lessons as a live up-to-date merchant.

Hagen & Solbery, General Merchants.

Numbered among the most enterprising dealers in drygoods, ladies' and men's furnishings, boots and shoes, that of the above firm, that was established in 1923 and today occupies a floor space of 25x75 feet, two floors, and that enjoy a large share of the patronage of not only Bessemer, but all the towns to Watersmeet and the mining and lumber camps. In the matter of public loyalty and up-to-date patronage, none excel that of Hagen & Solbery.

Jensen & Lindehnman, Groceries and Meats.

This is an exclusive trading center in the lines of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and salt meats, provisions, flour, feed and hay. The business was established in 1898 and today occupies floor space 60x70, with full basement. In addition to a warehouse, size 21x60 feet, devoted to the flour, feed and hay business. They have a daily delivery service with two on Saturday, covering the lumber and mining camps, which constitute a large part of their business.

Merchant Tailoring.

The man who sets the fashion in men's clothing for this section of the upper peninsula of Michigan is John J. Cyboros, merchant tailor who carries a large and complete stock of foreign and domestic woolsens of the latest weaves, for particular men who wish to have the latest in custom made clothing. The business has been established 15 years and gives employ-

plete stock of jewelry, watches, clocks, cutglass, photographs and kindred lines has been in business for many years, making him the leading jewelry emporium of this section. He owns a two-story business block, size 16x90, that has steel ceilings, and full plate front, making it a very attractive trade center. Mr. Kristianson is a native of Sweden, born there in 1872, and came to the United States in 1893, and what he has accomplished in the business and social world is now a matter of history.

Bessemer Pharmacy.

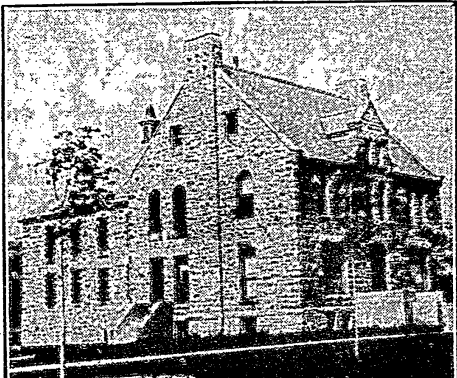
This is the only pharmacy in Bessemer, carrying a complete stock of drugs, druggists' sundries, toilet articles, stationery and confectionery that is equal to the largest in this line in this section of Michigan. The proprietor, J. E. Weber, is one of the live wires of Bessemer, who believes in publicity to keep pace with the development of the country.

Men's Suits From Measure.

Andrew F. Anderson has opened up a merchant tailoring house to fill orders for custom made clothing for those who want to be well dressed. Mr. Anderson also holds the office of justice of the peace, and does a general fire insurance business.

Chaney's Studio.

In the art of photography W. H. Chaney leads where others follow, having a first-class photo gallery, es-



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