

Only One Quarry Business Now At Work Where Once Large Industry Flourished

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both of Gouverneur, started a stone crushing and lime plant on the Callahan quarry site, which was originally the second Davidson quarry. This quarry was operated for one year when the Gouverneur Limestone Co., as their company was named, moved to a site near the Y of the New York Central switch to Edwards, on the Gardner property. Besides crushed stone and lime, concrete tile and building supplies were manufactured as well as a poultry grit, making the Gouverneur Limestone Co., a business one which operated the year around.

Mr. Dodds retired from the business in 1930, and Mr. Hodgkin continued until March 1, 1944, when owing to labor shortages and other difficulties, he closed the plant. The plant and quarry remained idle until 1948 when the Balducci Brothers, John and Ferdinand of Canastota, purchased the business. Ferdinand left the business after two years. The Balducci interests continues as the only limestone and crushed stone business.

In October, 1953, the crushing plant was destroyed by fire. With-

in a year it was rebuilt, and Mr. Balducci is in full operation again, with the firm name the Balducci Crushed Stone Co.

Marble Cutters

A marble cutter, here of the quarry days, Charles J. Whalen, established a monumental business at Canton with Carl Witherbee, and only recently retired from the operation, with his son continuing the business.

George M. Hampton has a marble business at Brighton near Rochester.

Leo Eckmann, who gained a knowledge of the monumental business in the quarry of his uncle, Morris Eckmann, now has a plant at Watertown.

J. Walter McLean carried on a monumental establishment in William street for more than 35 years.

Other men prominent in the marble business were William B. Moran, Patrick J. Mason, John O'Brien, Patrick Casey and Peter Finegan.

Two veteran quarrymen still living are George O. Sayer and Charles Fitzgerald.

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