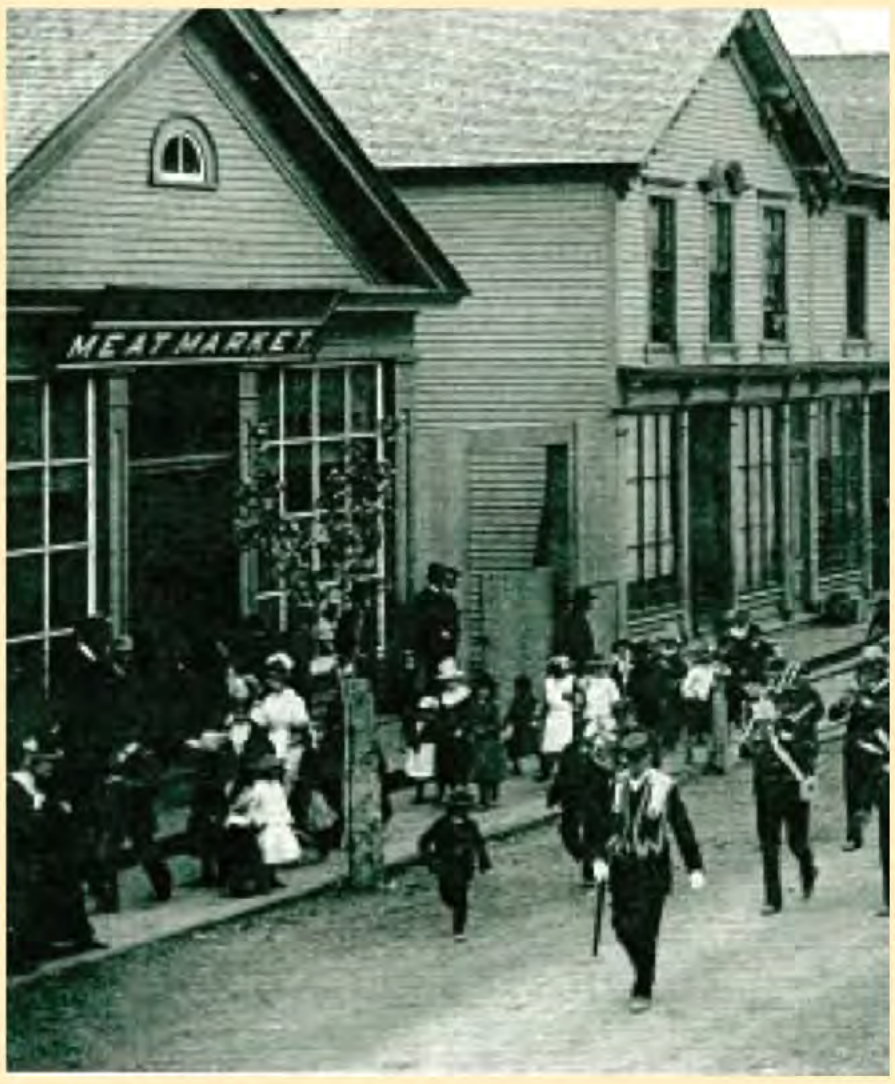
Baer & Dymock Meat Market ca.1880



NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Mason, 5th Street parade, 1888

This lot on the corner of 5th and Portland is where John Dymock established the Red Jacket branch of the Baer & Dymock meat market in 1868, in partnership with the Baer brothers of Hancock. The meat market and the Bastian building on the corner both survived the great fire of 1870. The market eventually took over the Bastian building, gaining frontage on 5th Street. Around that time, the existing building was constructed.

John Dymock also served as president of the First National Bank of Calumet, and vice-president of the Calumet & Pittsburgh Mining Company. He died in 1904, but the market continued in business here as Baer Brothers until sometime after 1948. Sometime between 1908 and 1917, a second storefront was added to the building. Over the years, the second storefront was occupied by a telegraph office, the Dawes Hat Shop, and the Calumet office of The Daily Mining Gazette. In 2009 Pete and Shelly Hahn's business, Hahn Hammered Copper, opened here.

NPS, Keweenaw NHP, Curto Album 13 #27, 5th and Portland during strike, 1913

In 1913 this building housed retail and wholesale butcher operations, groceries, a sausage factory, and an ice house, which together formed the Baer Brothers Meat Market.