

**Erie Street, N.W.**

210-18 Erie N.W. This 5-story brick building was part of the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co. (Photo: GRPL, 125-C003979. "Soon Only Cartops," G.R. *Press* photo, January 15, 1960, p. 34. Site of old Bissell plant from fire escape east of future city parking lot.) Grand Rapids entrepreneur Melville Bissell lightened the workload for housekeepers when he designed and patented the country's first fully functional carpet sweeper. The company was established in 1876, and is now headquartered in Walker.

223 Erie N.W. This was the brick west half of a double 1-story factory. Photos: GRPL 125-C008895, C009936, and C009935.