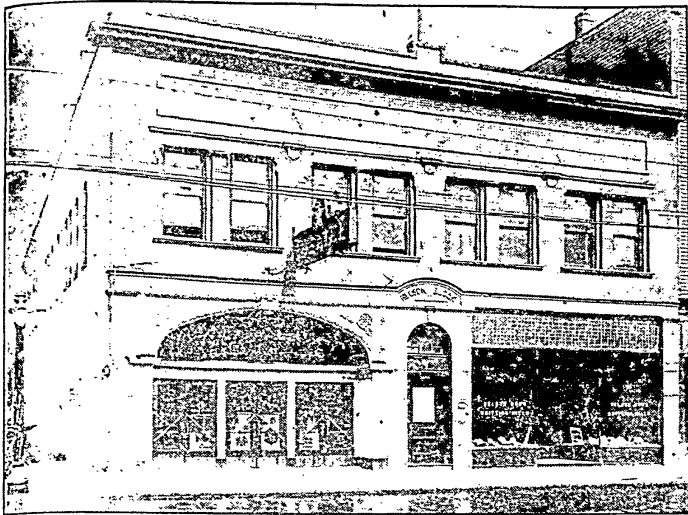


DULUTH'S INCOMPARABLE INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION



THE NELSON KNITTING MILLS COMPANY, DULUTH, MINN.

It was back in 1892 that the Nelson Brothers embarked in the manufacture of knitted goods, one of the first industries of Duluth's infant industries that weathered the storms of pioneer boom days. The Nelson Brothers were, however, only the advance agents for the knitting mill industry, for today Duluth manufacturers have won a nation-wide reputation for their Jersey sweaters and smart coats for men's, ladies' and children's wear.

The Nelson brothers in 1910 erected a splendid business block and factory building at 2105-07 West Superior street, size 56x140 feet, two story, brick with full basement, which is now the property of Anton Nelson and Mary Nelson Mark. The entire building is devoted to the Nelson Knitting

Mills company, knitting factory with the exception of 25x140 feet on the ground floor. This certainly attests the past growth and prosperity of this splendid industry. On December 16, 1914, the Nelson Knitting Mills company was incorporated under the laws of Minnesota for \$50,000, to better handle the constantly increasing business.

The trade zone of the Nelson Knitting Mills extends to all territory tributary to Duluth's jobbing trade, besides covering the states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Utah and Colorado, to say nothing of the jobbing mail orders and parcel post trade. The company employs six expert knitters, goods salesman, while in the factory

there are employed 30 to 60 people manufacturing ladies' and children's skirts, men's underwear, caps and scarfs, fashion knit hose for men, ladies' and children's Jersey sweaters, light weight sweaters and heavy rope stitch coats for men, women and children.

The Nelson Knitting Mills factory is equipped with 50 automatic, electrically operated knitting machines of the very latest patterns which is a guarantee that all of the knitted goods are of the highest workmanship and quality, as none but the best yarns are used in their manufacture.

The officers of the company are: Anton Nelson, president; N. E. Nelson, vice president and Jorgen P. Jensen, secretary and treasurer.