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South Carolina's Industrial Outlook

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In 1947 South Carolina's industrial growth continued at the same rapid pace it has maintained since the close of the war. A survey just completed reveals that since January 1, 1945, more than 650 new industrial plants with capital investments of $80,000,000 have been established in the State. Included in the new industries is a mammoth cellulose acetate filament yarn plant which will be the largest single manufacturing plant in the State, two of the most modern woolen mills in the world, a Portland cement plant which will be the only one in the Carolinas, 76 garment and sewing plants, and a number of widely diversified smaller establishments.

The same survey showed an overwhelming vote of confidence in South Carolina by manufacturers already here. Over 900 of these plants either had begun or planned to begin during the next two years expansion programs which will cost $120,000,000. Of particular interest is the number of branch plants which have expanded their operations tremendously in the past year or two. We feel that this is ample proof of the favorable industrial opportunities which exist in South Carolina.

We anticipate a continuation of industrial growth during the coming years. South Carolina has much to offer industry: a stable government friendly to industry, just and equitable treatment in matters of law and taxes, excellent transportation facilities, abundant natural resources, and a desire for industrial growth to better balance our agricultural production. We have an abundance of native-born American labor which is ever increasing.

We welcome the opportunity to be of service to anyone interested in the advantages of a South Carolina location.