KINSTON

(Continued from First Page) one knitting mill, one silk mill, four carriage factories, two brick plants, one oil mill, one fertilizer plant, one mattress factory, three lumber mills, two sash and door factories, one foundry and machine shop, etc.

TOBACCO.

The most important single indus try in Kinston and one which has done more than any other thing, to make the town the prosperous community, it is, is the sale of bright leaf to bacco. The tobacco business is a development of the past twenty-five years and in that time Kinston has taken its place as one of the leading markets of the State. There are four large warehouses in Kinston for the sale of leaf tobacco and five stemming, drying and packing plants, including the largest firms in the tobacco business, both here and abroad. The direction of the market is under the Kinston Tobacco Board of Trade and is conducted with reference to necessities of the farmer as well as the convenience of the buyer. Buyber of pounds sold on this market men.

amount of money paid for it about \$8,000,000. The crop this year was in excess of 17,500,000 lbs, and the price realized close to \$2,000,000.

WHOLESALE HOUSES.

Due to its splendid location as the centre of a rich back country, Kinston is necessarily an important job bing centre. There are a number of important wholesale firms here engaged in the distribution of groceries, hardware, building material, agricultural implements, etc. They ship goods all through this section of the State and are able to withstand outside competition on account of the large stocks they carry and the favorable freight rates they obtain.

RETAIL STORES.

A city is known by its retail stores and in this respect Kinston courts comparison with any town of ers representing all of the important needs, not only of their own citizens, tobacco companies are here for the but of the farmers all through this tude of the tobacco business can be are a busy sight every day in the

was over 62,000,000 pounds and the TAX RATE AND MUNICIPAL STREET AND SIDEWALK IM- sewer and street improvements, and well, who has been superintendent ston's three banks is over \$400,000 IMPROVEMENTS.

Kinston has one of the lowest tax rates in the State for a city offering its many advantages. It owns and operates its own water and electric light plant, and not only gives excellent viseice in both those branches. but besides giving the cheapest rates in Eastern North Carolina, runs its plant at an average profit of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 yearly. The city is noted for the profusion of its artesian wells, from whelh flows an abundant supply of the purest water.

POWER PLALNT.

The electric light plant of the city is at present being entirely reconstructed at a cost of \$40,000. The two old single phase dynamos and engines are being taken out and in their places will be installed two modern cross compound condensing engines directly connected to 3 phase generators. Each engine will have equal size in the State. Fine stores a capacity of 620 horse-power which of every imaginable kind are abund- means an abundance of current for ant, ample stocks of every kind and 15,416 60 Watt incandescent lamps. variety are carried and the stores are | McIntosh-Seymour engines are being in a position to take care of the installed - Westinghouse generators and switchboard. The new plant will have four times the capacity of season. Some idea of the magni- section. The main shopping streets the old one, and plenty of reserve power for manufacturing purposes. realized when it is known that from year, and the merchants are a wide- The first engine will be in operation

PROVEMENTS.

comprehensive scheme of street and charge. side walk improvements and will spend \$300,000 for this purpose before the work is completed. The streets are to be paved with sheet asphalt on a concrete base, and cement sidewalks are to be laid. Already about twenty miles of cement sidewalk have been laid and nine blocks of streets have been paved. There are still 57 blocks to be completed, but as the work is being executed with great vigor it is expected that NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT AND the entire job will be completed sometime in July. There will also be adequate drainage in the paved area. When the work is completed Kinston will have the finest system of paved streets to be found in a city of its size in the United States. The West Construction Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee are the contractors for the streets and side-

NEW SEWERS.

Neuse river is being installed at a

is at present maintaining an office The city has embarked on a most in Kinston with resident engineers in

EDUCATION.

The public school system of Kinston is one of the best in the State. There are two school buildings for white children, with a total enrollment of 1.410, and one school for colored children with an enrollment of 725. The total school census numbers 1,927 white children and 1,100 colored children. There are thirty-three white suchers and eight colored teachers The new high school building, which s a monument to the city, contains fifteen class rooms, an auditorium, scating 700, a library, administration offices, boys room with shower baths, domestic science room, teachers, room, etc. The primary school building contains fourteen class rooms, auditorium, office and library. Both buildings have sanitary drinking fountains and water supplied by artesian wells. The cost of he two buildings was \$75,000. The school A new sewerage system for East building for colored children contains Kinston, with an outlet into the 12 class rooms and an auditorium. The course for white children procost of \$35,000. It is almost com- vides seven years of elementary

since the fall of 1914. Mr. Caldwell and the deposits amount to over brought to his task experience, know- \$1,250,000. ledge and enthusiasm, and under his supervision, the school system of Kinston has been modernized and made adequate in every possible way as far as finances will allow.

CHURCHES.

Kinston is a city of religious, church-going people. Practically all of the denominations are represented. including the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Christian, Presbyterian, hristian Scientists, Universalist, Primitive Baptist, etc. The Christian church has just completed a beautiful new edifice on Gordon street and the new building of the First Baptist church on the same street is rapidly approaching completion. The churches are all handsome, modern buildings and all of the various denominations work together in harmony, and co-operate for the betterment of the community

BANKING FACILITIES.

three strong, well managed financial cational centre. The opportunities very large for a town of this size, lies to make a good living in busipleted and will be finished this work and four years of high school owing to the large number of ac- ness or agricultural and industrial month. Mishler & Flyan of Chatta- courses. Three courses of study in counts carried here by farmers liv- pursuits, and the city also offers nooga. Tennessee are the contractors, the high school are elective. Eight ing in territory tributary to the city, pleasant surroundings for its inhabi-Mr. Gilbert C. White, of Charlotte years are provided for the colored and the high money value of their tants and a high moral and religious 1909 to 1914 inclusive, the total num- a-wake, progressive set of business March 1, and the second about two and Durham has designed and is su- children. The schools of the city are crops. The combined capital, sur- atmosphere in which to raise their prvising all of the electric light, under the direction of Mr. B. P. Call- plus and undivided profits of Kin- families.

NEW POSTOFFICE.

The new United States Postoffice a picture of which is shown on the first page of this issue, is now a reality. The fine new building, which cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 is practically completed and will be opened for the public use about the first of March.

A CITY OF HOMES.

Kinston is first and foremost a city of homes. Its wide and pleasantly shaded streets are lined with many lovely homes. The various industries that have made the city what it is have brought together a culturhome loving set of people who are making community life all it should be. Shuated in a beautiful country, blessed by nature with a pleasant climate and a healthful locacation, the aesthetic side of life has been cultivated hand in hand with the material side. Kinston is not only a business and manufacturing cen-Kinston is fortunate in having tre, but is also a religious and eduinstitutions. Their deposits are are here for the heads of the fami-

BUSINESS FIRMS OF KINSTON



Central Warehouse

Kinston owes its importance as a leading bright leaf tobacco market, ing exclusive bottlers in this section first, on account of the high grade of the tobacco grown, and, second, on account of the first-class market offered the farmers by the establishment here of large and well run a host of friends on account of the warehouses to handle the product.

The Central Warehouse has been established about twenty years, and the present substantial brick firm is "Service, first, last and all structure, the only brick warehouse the time," and their careful observin Kinston, was built five years ago, ance of this principle has proved a and has always obtained more than splendid business asset. its share of the business. It occupies' a floor space of over 30,000 send their tobacco here, as the company are in a position to pro tect their interests and to see that their tobacco brings the full price at

J. H. Parham & Co. are the proprietors of the warehouse, the members of the firm being Messrs. J. H. Parham, E. P. Wooten and H. C. Wooten. These gentlemen are all experienced tobacco men and are to be congratulated on the well deserved success they have achieved.

John D. McIntosh

One of the most agressive and sucold line insurance companies, having been founded in 1871. It is one the farmer and his family. over \$100,000,000.

company for the past eight years in combination of the two is bound to re-Greensboro and was transferred to sult in a continuance of their past Kinston about eight months ago, and successes. is well and favorably known to all our citizens. During that time every claim has been paid dollar for dollar and the result of Mr. McIntash's efforts can be seen in the large amount of insurance carried in his company by citizens of this com-

Sumrell & McCoy, Inc.

With the growth of the tobacco and cotton industries, Kinston has number of large and important le houses. Sumrell & McCoy, se, is one of the largest and most ut of these and at present is

ceries of every description, produce, cakes, candy, crackers, and cigars and cigarettes, tobacco, etc. They l also do a large bottling business, beof the well known Pepsi-Cola. The firm carries on an extensive business in this section of the State among the retail merchants, and has made first-class goods they handle, and their just and fair treatment of all their customers. The motto of the

The firm was established sixteen years ago, the present officers being square feet, and is extremely well Mr. G. W. Sumrell, president, and lighted, and therefore, large amounts Mr. H. H. McCoy, secretary and of tobacco can be conveniently han- Treasurer. Under the careful direcdled. The sales move along quickly tion of these two gentlemen the conand successfully, and as the force cern has been successful from the is complete in every particular, ship- start, and has enjoyed a steady and pers will find it to their advantage prosperous growth from year to

Edwards & Harper

One of the best feed houses in the city, and one which has a multitude of friends, is that of Edwards & Harper. Mr. H. C. Edwards and Mr. P. S. B. Harper are the proprietors. The firm was established three months ago by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Harper joining forces, the former having been in the same line of business for ten years and the latter for twelve years, both here in Kinston.

The firm, whose place of business is located at 121 West North street cessful insurance men in the city is are wholesale and retail dealers in Mr. John D. McIntosh, with offices hay, grain, feed, seed and farm supover the Farmers and Merchants plies. They always carry a large Bank. Mr. McIntosh is the general stock of goods on hand and the qualiagent in charge of the Kinston dis- ty of their goods is of the best. They triet for the Life Insurance Company plan to greatly enlarge the scope of of Virginia, there home office is in their business in the Spring, so that Richmond, Va. This is one of the they will carry not only their present line, but everything to eat for

of the strongest companies in the | Both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Harper country, having assets of about \$12,- are well and favorably known in the 000,000, and insurance in force of community on account of the good sorvice they have given and their Mr. McIntosh has represented the honorable business methods and the

Stroud Brothers

One of the better class grocery stores in the city and one of the most popular, is that of Stroud Brothers, 119 South Queen Street. The store carries a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and does a large business in country produce, fruits, fresh vegetables, butter, poultry, eggs, etc., ter the war, when Kinston was but and carries a nice line of candies, cibecome more and more important as gars, cigarettes and tobacco and cold a jobbing center. A natural devel- drinks. Everything is kept clean and sanitary, and the fixtures are modern and attractive in appear-

The store was started five years ago, and under the careful manageag a large and flourishing bus- ment of the proprietors, Mesars. They are wholesafe dealers in gro- flourishing trade from the beginning.

West & Claytor

The wholesale grocery business is one of the important industries of the city, due to the location of Kinston as the centre of a rich and thickly populated district. One of the most progressive wholesale grocery concerns in the city is that of West & Claytor at 209 South Queen Street. The company carries a large stock

of staple and fancy groceries, produce, fruits, candies, tobacco, etc., and do an extensive business all through this section to merchants only. Good service is the foundation on which the firm has built their business and they strictly adhere to the policy of selling only first-class goods at reasonable prices.

The firm started in business about three years ago and under the careful direction of the proprietors. Messrs, Horace West and L. A. Claytor has been successful from the start and is enjoying a steady and progressive growth year by year.

Moseley & Ballard

One of the busy stores of the town and one which has a multitude of friends is that of Moseley & Ballard the day goods store of Mr. Chas A. on Queen street. This concern are general dealers in bicycles, sundries and guns, and in all these lines do a splendid business. They have a special department devoted to Columbia and Standard graphophones, carry a full stock of records and also carry other musical instruments, such as violins, guitars, banjos, mandolins,

The firm has just started in business, having bought out Mr. C. E. Messrs, A. D. Moseley and C. H. the very highest class of goods. Ballard have both lived in Kinston many years and are well and favorture than it has in the past.

Chas. A. Waters

One of the most attractive and best stocked stores in the city is

The dry goods department is well tocked with the latest designs in dress goods, silks, laces, linens, etc., and the notion counters are filled with useful and attractive articles. A particular specialty is made of ladies ready-to-wear garments. The stock includes a full line of cloaks, suits, skirts, shirt waists, dresses, etc. All of the latest styles are shown Rayner, who has been in this line for and the prices range from those that some time. The present proprietors will suit the most modest purse to

There is a full line of men's and women's furnishings and a full stock ably known to the entire community, of shoes. The business under the Under their management it is safe careful attention of Mr. Chas. Watto say that the business will enjoy ers has been successful from the even greater prosperity in the fu- start and is without doubt one of the most popular stores in the city.

on a large scale Their ice cream plint has a capacity of four hundred gallons per day, all flavors are made, it is famous for its purity and excellence and the brine system of freezing is employed. In the bottling plant they manufacture Necto-Cola, a drink of their own, which is proving most popular. They have a capacity of 1,200 dozen bottles per day. and in addition to Necto-Cola, also bottle Bludwine, Ginger Ale, Root Beer, etc.

The firm was started by Mr. S. C. Sitterson about six years ago and has rapidly come to the front as one of the most progressive and reliable wholesale houses in the city.

Mehegan Music Company

As Kinston is the home of the band of the 2nd regiment, North Carolina National Guard, it is but natural that they should have a competent band master which they most certainly have in the person of Mr. J.

H. & B. Stadiem

One of the most up-to-date and popular clothing stores in the city, is that of Messrs. H. & B. Stadiem, located at 118 North Queen street. The store make a specialty of readyto-wear clothing for men and boys, and they carry a very large and well assorted stock of suits, overcoats, etc. The famous Cloth-Craft clothes is one of their features. Their line of men's furnishings is exceedingly strong, including shirts, collars, neckties, underwear, pajamas, bath-robes etc. A full stock of hats and caps for men and boys is carried.

Especial attention is paid to the shoe department, where a very fine line of shoes of every variety and all sizes is carried for men, women and children. One of the particular features of the shoe department is the line of Bostonian shoes for men. The store was started thirteen years ago and under the efficient managemen of the proprietors, Messrs. H. & B. Stadiem has been successful from the start, and bids fair to enjoy still greater prosperity in the years to

Jackson Broom & Mattress Works

Kinston is the home of many varied industries, one of the most interesting of which is the Jackson Broom & Mattress Works, located at 111 1-2 West Blount street. The concern manufactures a strictly firstclass mattress which sells all over this section and has a capacity of about three thousand mattresses per year. Another specialty of the company is the renovating of old felt, hair, etc., and a fine business has been worked up along this line.

The firm started in business 1 1-2 years ago and under the efficient management of Mr. J. L. Jackson, proprietor, has built up a flourishtrade on account of his thorough knowledge of the business and his policy of selling first-class goods at reasonable prices.

Kinston Marble Works

One of the most important insti futions of the town and one which is very well thought of by everybody is the Kinston Marcle Works, Mr. B. E. Dale, proprietor. This concern manufactures marble and granite monumen's of all kinds, also vases, curbing, etc. They carry in stock a full line of the popular designs and six and have the latest catalogues for special designs.

The firm also furnishes limestone for building purposes and represent neral plans and organ repairing. South of the work which is turned out to which he gives his special atten Con, has won the respect and con dence of the comm



THE CENTRAL WAREHOUSE

Dunn's Standard Drug Store

Not only the oldest drug store, but n addition, the oldest business institution in the city of Kinston, is Dunn's Standard Drug Store on South Cueen street. Mr. Dunn starta village, and has continued in business ever since. Mr. Dunn has not fallen behind the

times, however, but conducts a firstclass drug store, including a soda cellence it has set for so many years.

D. E. Wood

The undertaking parlors of Mr. D. in every particular. Mr. Wood is a Reensed embalance and is well equiprise a large stock of crakels on band cery house of S. C. Sitterson. at different poless to suit the various. The firm does a large buyiness needs of his customers.

S. C. Sitterson

On account of its convenient lo E. Wood are modern and up-to-date cation and excellent transportation ed his store fifty years ago. just af- prd to take entire charge of funerals, more progressive or has a done more victrolas and all kinds of musical both in and out of the city. He car- for the city than the wholesale gro- supplies, and is in a position to give

Kinston since 1907. In his equip- crickers, candits, t bieco. etc. fountain, full line of drugs, propriedment are four hearses and all through Among their specialties are syrups, tary medicines, toilet articles, soaps, this section he is well and favorably melasses, vinegara, eiders, matches, perfumes, etc. The stock in the store known for the excellent work that finware, flavoring extracts, chowing is well selected and the service still he does, and the prompt and cour- gum, ten coffee, etc. In addition to Paul and O. C. Stroud, has enjoyed a maintains the high standard of ex- terms service he extends to his pa- the grocory business they are also experience as a teacher of music, par-

G. Mahegan.

Mr. Mehegan in addition to his activities with the band conducts a musical business at his store on North belities, Kinsion has for some time Queen street and his conservatory in been an important jobbing center; the Whitaker building. He acts as and there is no concern which is representative for pinnes, organs, bly customers good service at a reamable price. In his conservatory through this section in stable and the conducts a school of instruction the Stewart Iron Works of Cincin-Mr. Wood has been in business in funcy georgies, fruits, produce, on any malrument one may wish to nati, for from fencing, settees, etc. learn and is himself a skilled and ac- Mr Dale has been in husiness in Kin complished mancian. He also kton for the past fifteen years and on teaches piano and organ tuning and account of the very high class and

> Mr. Mehegan has had many years I bottlers and ice cream manufacturers ticularly as a band instructor,