

"History of Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas Counties Wisconsin"

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The Merrill Woolen Mill Company had its origin in a partnership entered into by Strickler & Anderson in 1916. This firm carried on carding and spinning of yarns with one set of machines for two years, at the end of which time the Merrill Woolen Mill Co. was launched and incorporated with a capital of \$20,000, with Albert Anderson president, J. A. Emerich vice president, and Leo Gensmann secretary and treasurer. Operations were begun in a two-story frame building 24x36 feet in dimensions; in 1920 a new building, 60x70 feet, with two stories and basement, was built at 105 Blaine St., and this is now the home of the company. Two more carding and spinning machines were added, and a spinning machine, a finishing machine, and several looms for weaving were installed at that time, and in 1923 two new machines for shearing and making blankets were purchased. The output consists of yarns, blankets, flannels, overcoating, and wool bats. A large portion of their business is on a custom basis, while the balance is on goods for sale to the trade and to the lumber camps. The present officers of the company are Albert Anderson, president and manager; J. A. Emerich, vice president; H. A. Kolls, secretary; and Julius Cramer, treasurer.