

St. Cloud, Minnesota

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St. Cloud is situated in a good agricultural county; has a fair proportion of active and well-to-do business men. They are now improving a water power that will give them about twelve feet fall from the Mississippi and it is expected that this will stimulate manufactures to a large extent. A great portion of the lumber from the upper Mississippi passes here and could as well be manufactured here as elsewhere. It is also well situated ~~for~~ the manufacture of flour; in this regard better than at almost any other point in the state, for the reason that it has the advantage of shipments to

Chicago and to Duluth, the latter at the same rates from points north and west of St. Cloud as apply to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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