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# GEORGIA COTTON MILLS AHEAD.

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**Massachusetts Owners Decide to Extend the Business to the Detriment of Lowell's Industry.**

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—The annual meeting of the Massachusetts cotton mills of Lowell was held to-day at the office of the Treasurer. The annual meeting of the Massachusetts mills in Georgia was also held.

Reports on the year's business of the two mills were presented to the stockholders. These stated that the mills in Lowell, in common with other Northern manufacturers of cotton goods, had suffered from the depressed condition of the cotton goods market and low prices, which were below what many classes of goods could be produced for under the rate of wages obtained in Massachusetts. On the other hand, the plant in Georgia, making goods similar to those made in Lowell and obtaining the same prices, owing to the lower cost of manufacture due to cheaper wages, longer hours, lower taxation, and lower cost of power, had been able to return a fair profit. Influenced by these results, the following vote was passed unanimously by the stockholders:

"In view of the fact that certain products of the Massachusetts Cotton Mill at Lowell can be produced at the mill in Lindale, Ga., for a lower cost than they can be produced at Lowell, it is therefore

Voted, That the Directors be instructed to consider the possibility of an extension of the business in Georgia and report thereon at some future meeting of the corporation."

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