

# WESTBROOK . . .

*Is Ideal For Industry —*

## LOW TAX RATE

\$49 per thousand. Almost the lowest in the State.

## LABOR

An abundance of intelligent, dependable, home-loving people willing to work for a living.

## FACTORY SPACE

Many favorable sites for new buildings are to be found here.

## POWER

Hydro-electric power readily available to industry at low rates.

## TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

### WESTBROOK IS:

1. Serviced by two railroads.
2. Located on one of the state's key highways.
3. But six miles from the great ocean port of Portland.
4. Four miles from the state's major air terminal.

For information contact —

*Sec. of the Chamber of Commerce*

## *Did You Know That —*

The date of the first white man settling in the area of what is now the city of Westbrook is not known.

The first recorded deed bears the date of 1657 given by Squitterygusset, to Francis Small, fisherman.

The first settler of whom we have any record was Joseph Conant.

The earliest industry, lumbering, was started in 1729 and continued for 150 years.

The manufacture of paper began in 1845 by Day and Lyon and the plant was purchased in 1854 by Samuel D. Warren.

Cotton goods were first manufactured about 1830; later, in 1866, Dana Warp Mills were incorporated.

The manufacture of silk by the Haskell Silk Company was started in 1874.

In 1814 the sections called Ammoncongan and Saccarappa were incorporated as a town called Westbrook, in honor of Col. Thomas Westbrook.

In 1887 a city charter was granted by the legislature and adopted by the town in 1891.

In 1894 the Walker Memorial Library was dedicated; a gift of Joseph Walker, a former citizen.

Our city has the distinction of packing the first hermetically sealed can of corn.

Paul Akers, the sculptor, was born in Westbrook.

Annie Louise Cary, the singer, was the daughter of a Westbrook physician.

In the middle of the 18th century there were only 50 families in Westbrook.

By the middle of the 20th century there were about 2700 families in Westbrook.

Our present population is 13,500.