

Growth and Development of the Place.

Some of the Advantages offered by Norwood to Investors,
Manufacturers, Homeseekers and others.

Leading Firms and Business Men.

The town of Norwood occupies a prominent position among the trade centres of Norfolk County. It is located fourteen miles southwest of Boston on the Midland and Providence divisions of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Its high elevation, salubrious atmosphere and beautiful scenery, together with its pure air, combine to make Norwood a favorite and healthy place of residence. The tables of mortality treating upon this are conclusive of the superiority on this point of this community; and without doubt the healthy conditions possessed by Norwood weigh heavily in the summing up of the advantages of its location as a manufacturing centre. Not only to the workman is the health of his family and of himself of importance, but to the manufacturer as well. The loss of income by time lost during sickness suffered by a workman, or by the frequent illness of his family, is seriously felt in the consequent deprivation of comforts which the money lost from lost time, and necessarily expended in drugs and doctor's bills, would purchase. The lessening of such misfortunes is an object in the plan of his place of toil. To the employer, the loss from the forced substitution of broken labor of a set of hands, the loss from the forced substitution of green hands for competent ones, or the ragged running of his machinery from the forced depletion of his working force by illness, is also, if occurring when its order books are full, a great injury, not only to his profits but to the smooth working of his business. To the employer, therefore, as well as to the employee, is the healthfulness of a location a subject for careful consideration, and there is no place in the Union better favored in this respect than Norwood. As a place of residence Norwood is especially favored. Suburban residence is growing more and more in favor, not only among Bostonians of moderate means but among the wealthy. This is not to be wondered at, since the very thought of residing in the country is suggestive of healthfulness and restfulness, which cannot well be obtained in the large cities. But the requirements of a home are becoming more and more exacting. While there must of necessity be natural advantages, the suburban resident now demands that his permanent abode shall have all the modern improvements which his city brother enjoys, and above all it must be easily accessible. Therefore the most enterprising towns within easy reach of the "Hub" are gaining steadily in population. Of this class is Norwood. Round and about the town favored section sites for factories and mills are abundant. The business structures are well built and prosperous-looking, while the residences and public buildings vie in taste and finish with any in the country. The influence of education upon business and society, and, indeed, the effect it has either immediately or remotely upon every branch of trade, give it a peculiar significance. Liberal provision for the education of the young, and thorough preparation, morally and intellectually, for active participation in the stern realities of life, are absolute necessities, in fact, requisites to success in every field of effort.