

CHAPTER IX.

Business Enterprises¹ — Mills: The Waltham-Richards-Bates Mill, Tide Mill, Tirrell's Mill, Reed's Mill, Loud's Mill, Vinson's Mill, Dyer's Mill — **Turnpikes:** Weymouth and Braintree, New Bedford, Hingham and Quincy Bridge — **Railroads:** Old Colony, South Shore — **Expresses — Telegraph — Telephone — Financial Corporations — Banks:** Union National, National of South Weymouth — **Savings Banks:** Weymouth, South Weymouth, East Weymouth — **Weymouth and Braintree Fire Insurance Company — Manufactures:** Boots and Shoes — Weymouth Iron Company — Fish Company — Weymouth Commercial Company — **Ice Companies — Bradley Fertilizer Company — Ship Building — Bay State Hammock Company — Howe & French — Fire-Works — Mitten Factory — Miscellaneous.**

MILLS.² — Weymouth has always, from its settlement by the English, been noted for its excellent mill privileges. Mill River, from its departure from Great Pond to its mouth at tide-water, abounds with valuable sites which have been improved during almost if not quite its entire history. The mill of William Waltham is mentioned in his will in 1640. In the following January, 1641, a difficulty arose between Henry Waltham, to whom the

¹ The portion of this sketch devoted to business matters is necessarily very brief, the space allowing only a bare outline of important interests. Many are omitted entirely, among which are all of that class engaged in supplying the material wants of the inhabitants, very large in the aggregate, employing much capital and many individuals. Several of the smaller manufactures are also unmentioned for want of room. The compiler believes, however, that he has treated the business interests of the town as fully and fairly as can be reasonably demanded in a work of this magnitude.

² The sketch of the mill property has been gathered from the town, county and private records, and from Quincy L. Reed, Esq., to whom the compiler is especially indebted for much valuable information, much of which has been omitted for want of space.

