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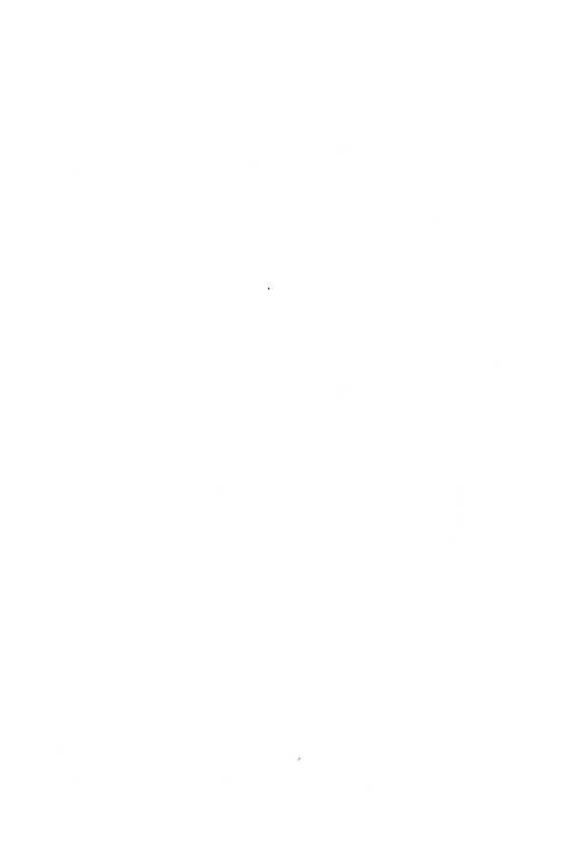
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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF CONNECTICUT AS A MANUFACTURING STATE

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

In this study I have attempted to trace some of the steps by which Connecticut has changed within the last hundred years from a loose collection of largely isolated and nearly self-sufficing rural communities into a highly organized manufacturing state, importing a very large proportion of its food, and sending its manufactured goods to every corner of the world. This is not a history of manufacturing in Connecticut, on either the technical or the economic side; but it is hoped that the work may show how valuable would be a fuller and more adequate presentation of the economic development of one of the New England states.

My investigation was carried under the direction of the late Dr. Guy S. Callender, professor of Political Economy in Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, until his death in August, 1915. I desire to acknowledge courtesies extended to me by the Yale University Library.

G. P. F.

New Haven, Conn., October 23, 1915.

An Introduction to the History of Connecticut as a Manufacturing State

CHAPTER I

Connecticut Between 1815 and 1820

At the present time Connecticut ranks fourth among the states in density of population.\(^1\) Among her 168 towns there are (1915) three cities of more than 100,000; she has fifteen cities and twenty-one incorporated boroughs. The towns range in population from New Haven with (1910) 133,605 to Marlborough with 302.\(^2\)

According to the United States Census Report on Manufactures for 1900-1905,³ Connecticut produces 80.7% of all the rolled brass and copper made in the United States, 72.2% of the ammunition, 69.4% of the clocks, 66.9% of the plated ware, 51.6% of the brass ware, and 46.9% of the hardware. The following table shows the extent to which the country's production in the given industries is localized in cities of this state, and also the specialization in the industry within the city.

	Localization by Cities		Per Cent. of Specialization
	1903	1900	Opecinistration
Waterburybrassware	42.2%	46.8%	28.8%
Meridenplated ware	40.1	45.6	28.7
Bridgeportcorsets	19.9	22.3	
New Britainhardware	15.5	16.2	51.4
Danburyhats	15.8	18.0	75.1

¹ Density: Rhode Island, 508.5; Massachusetts, 418.8; New Jersey, 537.7; Connecticut, 231.3; New York, 191; Pennsylvania, 171. (U. S. Census 1910).

^a For convenience of reference to the population of Connecticut at different times, I have used the Register and Manual of Connecticut for 1914, pp. 634-638: "Population of Connecticut by Towns, from 1756 to 1910. Compiled from official returns." Special reference to this table will not be made on later pages of this study.

^{*}U. S. Census, 1905. Localization of Industries. Pp. cclv.-cclxii,