

If there was any person either here or elsewhere who doubted Westbrook's right to a place on the map of the State of Maine, this doubt must have been dispelled for all time by the centennial celebration held here during the past three days. Much surprise has been expressed that the citizens of a city the size of Westbrook were able to arrange and carry out a programme of such magnitude and carry it out so successfully, but this has been but another demonstration that Westbrook is one of the best and most progressive cities in the State, and that whatever her citizens undertake they carry out to a successful conclusion.

From the opening of the programme last Sunday until the final explosion of fireworks in the big display Tuesday night there was not a halt or a failure in the big programme as arranged. And many of the features were even in excess of the expectations of those who were responsible for them.

There have been several features to the three days' event that were pleasing in the extreme to all who had anything to do with the celebration. The manner in which the crowds, far in excess of anything ever seen in this city before, were handled by the police, and the manner in which the exceptionally heavy traffic was kept moving by the temporary traffic squad was a feature for which the local officials should be given much credit.

The manner in which Paul Laberge fed the 1000 soldiers in King's orchard, and at the same time served the excellent banquet in the Presumpscot banquet hall to the officers and invited guests of the committee is also deserving of much praise.

The visiting firemen were also royally entertained, the members of the various visiting organizations being served with a delightful box dinner in Valentine hose house under the direction of the local department.

One of the departments of the celebration which was an unqualified success, and which attracted a large number of visitors, was the historical exhibit in the G. A. R. hall, corner of Main and Bridge streets. More than 1,500 people visited this exhibit in the past three days and only the highest praise has been heard for the exhibit.