

facturing black and blue woollen cloth, and King George the IV accepted and wore a coat made from cloth manufactured at the celebrated Stockport woollen works.

Mr. John Cheetham, Mayor of Stockport in 1800, owned a large mill in Mersey Street (now taken down). Mr. Joseph Lane, Mayor in 1816, had a large mill in Newbridge Lane, which was burned down. Stringer's Mill in Newbridge Lane, and Howard Street Mill (owned by Mr. Apellas Howard) were in full work, so was a mill adjoining the Millstone public house, Portwood, owned by Mr. Henry Barlow, and a foundry and cotton mill in Pool Lane, owned by Mr. John Garside. The Howard Brothers—John, William and Cephas—were working their extensive mills in Portwood, the first portion of the Palmer Mills in Portwood had been erected by Mr. James Marshall, senior, whose firm afterwards—Marshall & Son—became the largest manufacturers of cotton in the country. Mr. Thomas Fernley, senior, who erected Avenue House in Portwood, now the Gas Office, and resided there for many years, was working several cotton spinning works in Portwood. There was a cotton mill adjoining the gasworks in Millgate; the "Cast Metal" shop, as it was then known (now the Dolphin Mill) was being worked by the Clayton family; one of the mills now part of Messrs. Christys hatworks was being run as a cotton mill by Mr. W. Radcliffe, who was Mayor of Stockport in 1804; and another mill close by was worked by a Mr. Bradley preparing rovings for the numerous jenny spinners then working in the town. Other cotton mills working in 1822 included the following:—

Carr Mill, worked by Mr. Jesse Howard, Mayor of Stockport in 1808.

Marshall's Mill in the Park (afterwards Eskrigge & Barr's).

Swain's Mill behind the Reform Club.

St. Peter's Square Mill, worked by Mr. Burtenshaw (taken down by Mr. T. Hidderley.)

Gee's two cotton mills in Edgeley, owned by the Gee family, who built Hollywood House, now demolished, as are the mills, to give place to a little town of houses.

Brinksway Mill, owned by Mr. Middleton.

Hope Hill Mill, also partly owned by Mr. Middleton.

Walthew's Mill, then worked by Mr. Heaword.

Mill behind the George Hotel (Mr. Heaword).

Mill adjoining the bridge leading from Heaton Lane to King Street West (Mr. Charles Axon).

Sheepwash Mill, Heaton Lane, (Mr. Walmsley).

Orrell's Mill, Heaton Lane (later owned by Col. S. W. Wilkinson).

Binn's Mill (now the Lower Wellington Mill).

Mersey Mills (Heaton Lane).

Grove Mills, Heaton Lane (on site of Hollingdrake's foundry) (Brown & Powell).

White Lion Yard Mill.

Brook Street Mill (near the Woodman Inn).

Mr. Crowther's Mill in Stewart Street.

Throstle Grove Thread Mill (Mr. Ralph Orrell).

Bury Street Mills, Lancashire Hill (Mr. T. Barrett).

Wharf Street Mill (Mr. George Booth).

Coronation Street Mills (owned by Messrs. J. & J. Read, now part of Messrs. Rivett's Mills).

Mr. William Higson's Mill, Old Road.

Mr. Steel's Mill, in Chestergate.