

Brinksway and Edgeley, with Portwood, a part of the town situated in Brinnington township, and also part of the township of Heaton Norris, situated in Lancashire. The Borough was divided into six wards, with the 42 representatives allotted as follow:—Heaton Norris Ward, nine councillors; Middle Ward, nine; St. Mary's Ward, six; St. Thomas' Ward, six; Edgeley Ward, six; and Portwood Ward, six; and at the census taken in 1841 the population was 50,495.

In 1826 an Act of Parliament for the police regulation of the town was passed. Another Act for improving and regulating the Borough was adopted in 1837. On July 22nd, 1847, an Improvement Act, "An Act to purchase and define the manorial and market rights of Stockport, to establish public parks, to purchase and lease waterworks, to build bridges, and to make other communications within the Borough of Stockport" was passed. Other Provisional Orders or Improvement Acts were adopted in 1853, 1864, 1866, 1890, 1891, and 1894. On the 23rd of June, 1894, the redistribution of the Borough into fourteen wards was fixed by C. H. Cresswell, Esq. (Commissioner appointed by the Home Secretary). Acts of Parliament have been obtained during the past few years for the purpose of empowering the construction and working of electric tramways, the acquirement of the water undertaking and the construction of the Kinder works.

By the Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1901, the boundaries were extended so as to include Reddish Urban District, parts of Bredbury and Romiley, Cheadle and Gatley, Hazel Grove and Bramall, and Heaton Norris Urban Districts, and part of the parish of Brinnington within the Stockport Rural District. The boundaries fixed by the award of Commissioner Cresswell, and amended by the Act of 1901, are as follow:—

## Borough Boundaries, Wards, &c.

1—2 and 3 William IV., ch. 45 (adds Brinksway and Edgeley to ancient Borough and Townships, and allows two Members of Parliament).

2—2 and 3 William IV., ch. 64 (adds part of Brinnington and Heaton Norris to Borough, as settled in 1).

3—5 and 6 William IV., ch. 76—The Municipal Corporations Act, 1835, declares limits of Borough to be same as in (2), grants 7 Wards, and constitutes the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses a corporate body.

1 Edw. 7, ch. 169.—The Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1901, adds the Reddish Urban District, parts of Bredbury and Romiley, Cheadle and Gatley, Hazel Grove and Bramall, and Heaton Norris Urban Districts, and part of the parish of Brinnington within the Stockport Rural District.

### Description of the Wards.

The following are the Boundaries of the Wards of the Borough as fixed by the award of C. H. Cresswell, Esq. (Commissioner appointed by the Home Secretary), on the 23rd June, 1894, and amended by the Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1901.

**No. 1, or Lancashire Hill Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East of Wellington Road North, from Denby Lane to Belmont Street, the North of Belmont

Street, Wharf Street, Smith Street, the West of Penny Lane, and along the Parliamentary boundary to Denby Lane, and South of the Borough boundary to Wellington Road North.

**No. 2, or Heaton Lane Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East and South of the Borough boundary, North of the River Mersey to Tiviot Dale Station, South of the Cheshire Lines Railway, and West side of Wellington Road North.

**No. 3, or Old Road Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of Belmont Street, Wharf Street, Smith Street, the East of Penny Lane, and along the Parliamentary boundary to the River Tame, West side of the River Tame to Tiviot Dale, the North side of the Cheshire Lines Railway, and the East side of Wellington Road North to Belmont Street.

**No. 4, or Portwood Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East side of the River Tame, the North side of the River Goyt, the West of the Parliamentary boundary at Warth Meadow, and the West of the Borough boundary to the River Tame.

**No. 5, or St. Mary's Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East side of the River Mersey, the West side of the River Goyt, the West side of Harriet Street, the South side of George Street, and thence across the Rector's land to Spring Gardens, along the North of Spring Gardens, West side of Waterloo Road, East side of Lower Hillgate, North side of Wellington Street, and East side of Wellington Road South to the River Mersey.

**No. 6, or Yernon Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of the River Goyt, the East of the Parliamentary boundary at Warth Meadow, West side of the Borough boundary to Offerton Fold, the North side of Hemphaw Lane, East side of Banks Lane, North side of Hall Street to Spring Gardens, and thence across the Rector's land to George Street, North of George Street, East of Harriet Street to the River Goyt.

**No. 7, or Spring Bank Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of the River Mersey, from King Street West (*i.e.*, King Street West) to Wellington Road South, the West side of Wellington Road South, the South side of Wellington Street, the West side of Lower Hillgate, the North side of Edward Street, Greek Street, East side of Shaw Heath and King Street West to the River Mersey.

**No. 8, or Hollywood Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of the River Mersey, from King Street West to the Borough boundary at the Stockport Sewage Works, the East and North sides of the Borough boundary to Stockport Road, the West side of Stockport Road to St. Lesmo Road, the East side of St. Lesmo Road to a point in the continuation of Bloom Street, and thence across land to and along the North side of Bloom Street, the Southern boundary of Hollywood Park, the North boundary of Daw Bank House grounds, the West side of King Street West to the River Mersey.

**No. 9, or Edgeley Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of Bloom Street, the South boundary of Hollywood Park, the West side of Aberdeen Crescent, Bulkeley Street, Worrall Street, and the North of the Parliamentary boundary to the London and North Western Railway at Crosshill Junction, the North side of the Borough boundary to Stockport Road, the East side of Stockport Road to St. Lesmo Road, the West side of St. Lesmo Road to a point in the continuation of Bloom Street, and thence across land to Bloom Street.

**No. 10, or Shaw Heath Ward,** comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the North boundary of Daw Bank House Grounds, the West side of King Street West and Shaw