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As for the Bridgewater Canal, as a feat of engineering achievement and a commercially successful enterprise it excelled on both counts. During the 1820s there was increased dissatisfaction with the canals. We hope ere long to record the general operation of the system; though it will require a little time, perhaps, as it must have a beginning.

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Built along the natural lie of the land it offers 41 miles of lock free cruising - the longest stretch in the country. Despite struggling financially at times during the numerous expansions and additions to the original canal the duke had made a very healthy profit by the time of his death in March 1803. This was the period in the mid-1840s known as the.

## History of the Bridgewater Canal

Building started on a new dock at Runcorn in 1867. During this time the role of Fereday Smith had been diminished; initially appointed as Deputy Superintendent, his position was reduced to that of Principal Agent in 1845. Bridgewater captured the public imagination because of its engineering feats; it required the construction of an to cross the , and a tunnel at Worsley.

## Lancaster Canal

Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater - the 'Canal Duke' - inherited his title at the age of 11. He therefore looked for a deputy to take on these duties. Improvements were made to the Trustees' facilities at Liverpool, to the Mersey and Irwell Navigation and to the Bridgewater Canal itself.

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The canal was sold again in 1885, when the Company paid the Bridgewater Navigation Company £1,710,000 for all their property. He first reduced the top-heavy administration of the Trust, and then took on the planning of the expansion of the business.

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The Trustees spent much time between 1851 and 1855 in negotiations to ease the competition, especially that from the London and North Western Railway. In 2004 ownership of the Manchester Ship Canal Company was transferred to the Peel Ports group. The canal helped fuel the Industrial Revolution, and in doing so played a significant role in shaping the world in which we live today.

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