

The Ship Canal terminates at Manchester, where there are 8 docks with a water space of 179 acres. The largest dock, No. 9, is 2,700 ft. long and 250 ft. wide. Of the subsidiary dock systems along the Canal, Stanlow Oil Docks is outstanding. It is situated near the entrance to the Mersey, and is recognized as Britain's greatest oil port. Another important section of the Canal is Ellesmere Port, 3 miles from the entrance, with its grain warehouses, paper mills and modern coaling plant. At Runcorn, a few miles further up the Canal, there are 6 docks, and these feed

the important chemical plants in the vicinity. The main coaling basin is at Partington, where there are 6 tips and 20 acres of quays, and along the whole length of the Canal there are lay-byes and wharves for general traffic.

In Lancashire there is a saying when money is spent, "Is there summat to show for it?" Well, it is now possible for any man to see with his own eyes the vast undertaking with its docks, warehouses, grain elevators, railways and 35 miles of waterway itself, and no one can say "There's nowt to show for it."