

# England's Vast Industries

A beautifully produced and unusually colourful book focusing on the Industries in the larger towns and cities of the North East, including Darlington. The book was produced in 1908 to promote the industries in the North East to merchants and importers in places such as France, Russia, Italy, Japan, Argentina, and New South Wales. It was also sent to Chambers of Commerce and British Consuls throughout the world, (for a fuller list see page iii).

There is a good commercial index listing the types of machinery and products manufactured with adverts and a detailed summary of the product, and the same index repeated in French.

The book opens with The Darlington Forge Company, manufacturers of iron, steel forgings and steel castings. It outlines the history of the company, the size and description of its buildings and some of the work it has undertaken such as stern frames, brackets and rudders for steamers for principal mail and passenger lines.

Sections on local companies are interspersed with articles on topics such as North-East England and the North-Eastern Railway, The Tees Ports, Darlington, contributed by Edward Wooler, and The Principal Characteristics of Franco-British Commerce.

Various Darlington companies are featured including Ord and Maddison whose advert is shown here.

