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BURY is a town with characteristics quite definitely its own, differing in many ways from those of other industrial Lancashire towns lying nearby.

One is its independency, in the sense of its complete reliance on itself. Another is the progressive spirit as expressed in that determination which, despite unfavourable circumstances, has kept the town a busy hive when others have much more unemployment.

From this determined spirit and the adaptability of both employers and employed has, without doubt, arisen the numerous and different industries that are carried on within its boundaries.

Its situation is, in general, a very advantageous one ; in transport the conditions are excellent, for it is linked by a very frequent electric service with Manchester which has put it in a position of considerable advantage over all other Lancashire industrial towns.

It has also a first-class tram and bus service to all surrounding districts.

Situated as it is close to the hills, water facilities have been ample, and bleach works, and other trades requiring a good supply of water have naturally developed nearby.

It has a very cheap supply of electricity and gas for power purposes, and is rated at the relatively low figure of 10s. 10d. in the pound.

The political history of the town is an outstanding one, and this notoriety has doubtless helped in its modern development.

The great Sir Robert Peel is the most notable name of the native born, but there have been quite a surprising number of noteworthy people who have been either born, brought up, or come to the town in later life.

All this has had its effect upon the development of Bury. It has been an encouragement to the other inhabitants and has intensified the characteristics of progress, individuality and adaptability.

Of the general suitability of the town for various types of manufacture, a list of those already at work there is a good proof.

Tanneries.	Slippers.	Wool.
Calico Printing	Silk Manufacturing.	Hat Manufacturing.
Cotton.	Engineering.	Furniture.
Paper.	Iron Foundries.	Etc., Etc.

Any new industry which is concerned as to where it should establish itself will first consider the labour to be employed, and as the workmen of Bury have proved by the foregoing to be an exceedingly skilled and adaptable class, Bury itself must have many advantages over other towns which should decide those in doubt in its favour.