


BOROUGH OF TEWKESBURY.



SITUATION.—Tewkesbury is situated at the northern extremity of the County, on the banks of the Avon and the Severn. It is distant from London, 103 miles; Gloucester, 10 miles; Cheltenham, 8½ miles; Worcester, 15 miles; and Evesham, 13 miles; and it is on the direct road between Bristol and Birmingham. There are quays connected with the Severn and Avon and with the railway, and considerable water traffic is carried on with Gloucester and Worcester on the Severn, and with Evesham on the Avon.

NATURAL WEALTH.—In the immediate neighbourhood are clay pits, where the manufacture of bricks is carried on; while stone, timber and coal is obtainable at very short distances from the Town.

PROPERTY VALUATION.—The population of Tewkesbury according to the last census was 5,420, being an increase of 151 since the previous census. The rateable value of the Borough is £21,727, as compared with £19,622 in 1897. The acreage of the Borough is 2,532, and the number of houses is about 1,250.

RATES AND TAXES.—The rates are moderate, and during the past year amounted to 5s. 6d. in the £, but assessments are low.

BUILDING SITES.—Adjoining the Town are good sites for residences or business premises, and there are buildings in the Town suitable and available for factories.

LABOUR AND MANUFACTURES.—There are in the Borough extensive flour mills, engineering works, shirt and collar factories, breweries, boat building works, and a large builder's business which is well known throughout the country, especially in connection with Church work. There is therefore ample labour skilled in engineering, wood and stone working, milling, shirt making, etc.

ENVIRONMENT.—The operatives and workpeople of the Town are well provided for, and most of them are able to find houses with moderate rents at a very short distance from the places where they are employed.

WATER SUPPLY.—There is an excellent supply of pure water from the Severn, the town of Cheltenham taking a portion of its water from the same source; the pumping station and filtering beds are at Tewkesbury. Independently of the Severn and Avon, the Town is well watered by some smaller streams running through the Borough.

HEALTH.—The health of the Town is very satisfactory, the death-rate for the past year being 14·8 per 1,000, as compared with an average death-rate for England and Wales of 15·4 per 1,000. The sanitation of the Borough is thoroughly efficient.

RESIDENTIAL ATTRACTIONS.—Tewkesbury has broad, clean and well-lighted streets, pleasure grounds, public and private schools, while the surrounding country is full of interest. A very large number of visitors come to the Town, the estimated number who visit the Abbey being upwards of 80,000 per annum, and there is much to be done in catering for them. As will be seen from the above, the Town presents many openings for the establishment of industries and the investment of capital; while with excellent shops and a good train service, coupled with good fishing, boating, and hunting, it will be found most convenient from a residential point of view.



ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE TOWN CLERK, TEWKESBURY,
AND WILL RECEIVE A PROMPT REPLY.