

‘Water, bridge, railway and canal piled one above the other, four stories high; such another curious complication probably not existing.’



The diminutive, puffing steam locomotive, quaint and slightly comical to twenty-first century eyes, was at the cutting edge of technology in 1840. A canal horse and its driver watch from Outram's aqueduct. The corn mill weir is apparently on the left and, above that we see a carrier's wagon passing along the turnpike road (now the A610) and under the aqueduct. Both weir and turnpike are depicted in a rustic way, indicating old technology, in this mid-nineteenth century engraving.