

FINDING OUT WITH WVCC 2. WILDEN WORKS CONDITIONS

By 1880 the firm was flourishing producing annually
75,000 boxes of tin plate and iron sheet
using 5,000 TONS OF PIG IRON

150,000 buckets of charcoal and 21,000 tons of coal.

In the factory there were to be found

A great helve hammer driven by a 50 hp engine

A water powered hammer driven by a 20 foot diameter wheel on the Stour

A tin refinery

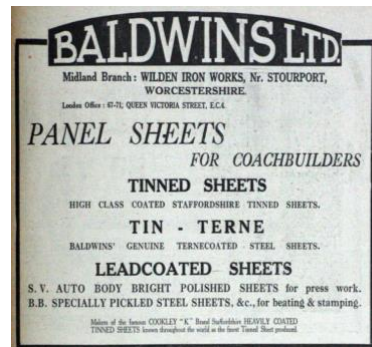
A pudding forge containing 4 puddle furnaces producing 11 tons per day

A charcoal forge having 2 large fires producing 1,000 tons of wrought blooms

5 rolling mills 3 rolling to 16 inches and 2 to 26 inches

Just imagine the transportation both in and out.

Alfred and the works have many irons in many pies



Factory Rules?

Every member claiming sick benefit must produce a certificate signed by a surgeon to show that illness was not a result of intoxication or other misconduct.

•If any man shall make an ill-natured reflection or pass censure on another, on account of his religion, or curse, swear, or use abusive profane language he shall for every offence forfeit 3d.

•Any man seen to throw anything at another, he should forfeit 3d and if any man strike another while on the premises, the forfeit shall be 2s 6d.



•If any man is trifling or lounging away his time, in the shop or place belonging to another, the forfeit 3d.

•Any man excusing or screening any one from any fine shall pay the fine himself with the addition of 1s.

•If any man comes to work on a Monday morning without being newly shaven and having a clean shirt, shall forfeit 6d.

•After the expenses of the club are paid, the surplus money is to be divided and returned at Christmas in proportion to each member's contribution.

