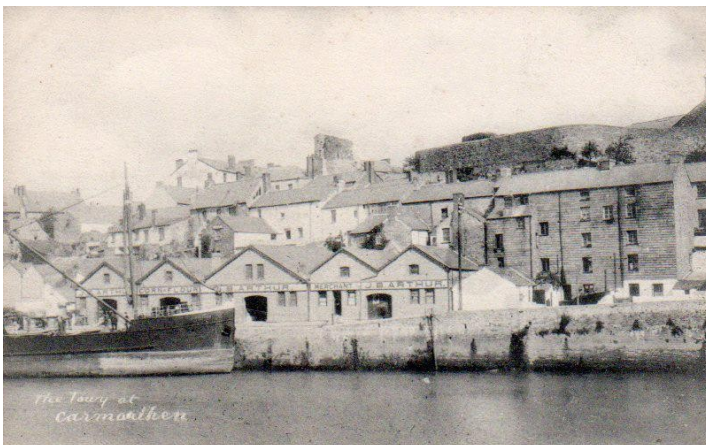


The Old Port of Carmarthen

At the turn of the 18th and 19th century, Carmarthen's port thrived with huge cargo ships importing items such as coal, wine and iron and exporting local Welsh wool. Carmarthen's quayside was bustling with traders, numerous warehouses and ship building yards.



During this period, it is estimated that 2000 townsfolk obtained a living from the river. This drastically declined when the railway opened and when the larger ports grew in industrial South Wales.

Henry VIII granted a:

'Charter of Admiral to the Mayor and Burgesses and Commonalty to the town of Carmarthen and to their successors for ever upon the River Towy from the bridge of Carmarthen to the bar of the said river'.

