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# A042 -- OF JUTE, JAM, AND JOURNALISM -- JANUARY, 2022



**WELCOME TO TOPIC # 042... TODAY WE WILL BE  
LOOKING AT THE PORT OF DUNDEE IN SCOTLAND.**



*THE PORT OF DUNDEE IN SCOTLAND WAS MENTIONED  
TWICE IN THE SHERLOCK HOLMES' STORIES.*



**IN 'THE FIVE ORANGE PIPS,' THE POSTMARK ON A LETTER FROM THE PORT OF DUNDEE INDICATED THE WRITER WAS ON BOARD A SHIP.**



**YOU LURED A HARPOONER... AND MURDERER... WHO HAS  
SAILED 26 VOYAGES OUT OF DUNDEE WITH A POSITION  
ON THE CREW FOR A FICTITIOUS EXPLORATION SHIP IN  
'THE ADVENTURE OF BLACK PETER.'**



**VARIOUS ASPECTS IN THESE STORIES REPRESENTED  
ACTUAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SEAPORT DURING THE  
LATE 1800s WHEN THESE TWO ADVENTURES OCCURRED.**



DUNDEE IS A VERY OLD (DATING BACK AT LEAST TO THE 1100s) SEAPORT NORTHEAST OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND ON THE FIRTH OF TAY.





**THIS ESTUARY (FIRTH) LIES AT THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER TAY AND EMPTIES INTO THE NORTH SEA.**





**THE TOWN HAS REINVENTED ITSELF THREE TIMES  
IN THE PAST FOUR CENTURIES, HAVING TO  
REBUILD FOLLOWING ALMOST COMPLETE  
DESTRUCTION BY CROMWELL'S FORCES DURING THE  
THIRD ENGLISH CIVIL WAR IN 1651...**



...THE RISE IN DEMAND FOR BRITISH-MADE LINEN,  
WHALE OIL, AND MARMALADE IN THE 1800s; AND A  
GROWTH IN TOURISM BEGINNING IN THE 1960s.



...The Prospect of the East.



THE REBIRTH OF THE 1800s WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUNDED ON 'JUTE, JAM AND JOURNALISM.'



**IN THE 1700s, WHEN AN EXPORT TAX WAS RESCINDED ON LINEN, STEAM-POWER FLAX SPINNING MILLS WERE BUILT TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR THE CLOTH.**



**BY 1835, 36 SUCH MILLS OPERATED IN THE CITY. WHEN JUTE ARRIVED FROM INDIA ABOUT 1835, THE CITY USED THIS COMMODITY TO PRODUCE CARPET BACKING AND SACKS, FURTHER EXPANDING PRODUCTION.**



**BECAUSE WHALE OIL WAS REQUIRED IN JUTE PRODUCTION AND SHIPS FOR TRANSPORTING THE GOODS, THE RISE IN TEXTILE MANUFACTURING SPURRED THE INCREASE IN THESE INDUSTRIES AS WELL.**



**AT ITS HEIGHT, DUNDEE PRODUCED 200  
SHIPS A YEAR.**







ALSO, IN THE 1700s, JAMES KEILLER & SON SET UP A JAM FACTORY AND CREATED THE FIRST COMMERCIALY PRODUCED MARMALADE... BY THE 1880s, THE COMPANY'S JAMS WERE SHIPPED ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE JARS STILL BEAR THEIR ORIGIN CITY IN THEIR NAME AND LABELS TODAY.



**THE FINAL 'J' (JOURNALISM) TRACES ITS ORIGINS  
TO WILLIAM THOMPSON'S PURCHASE OF THE  
CHARLES ALEXANDER & COMPANY, PUBLISHERS OF  
THE LOCAL PAPER.**



IN 1884, DAVID COUPAR THOMPSON TOOK OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY AND CREATED DC THOMPSON A MAJOR PUBLISHING HOUSE THAT CURRENTLY CONTROLS A WIDE ARRAY OF NEWSPAPERS, COMIC BOOKS, TV STATIONS, AND WEBSITES.



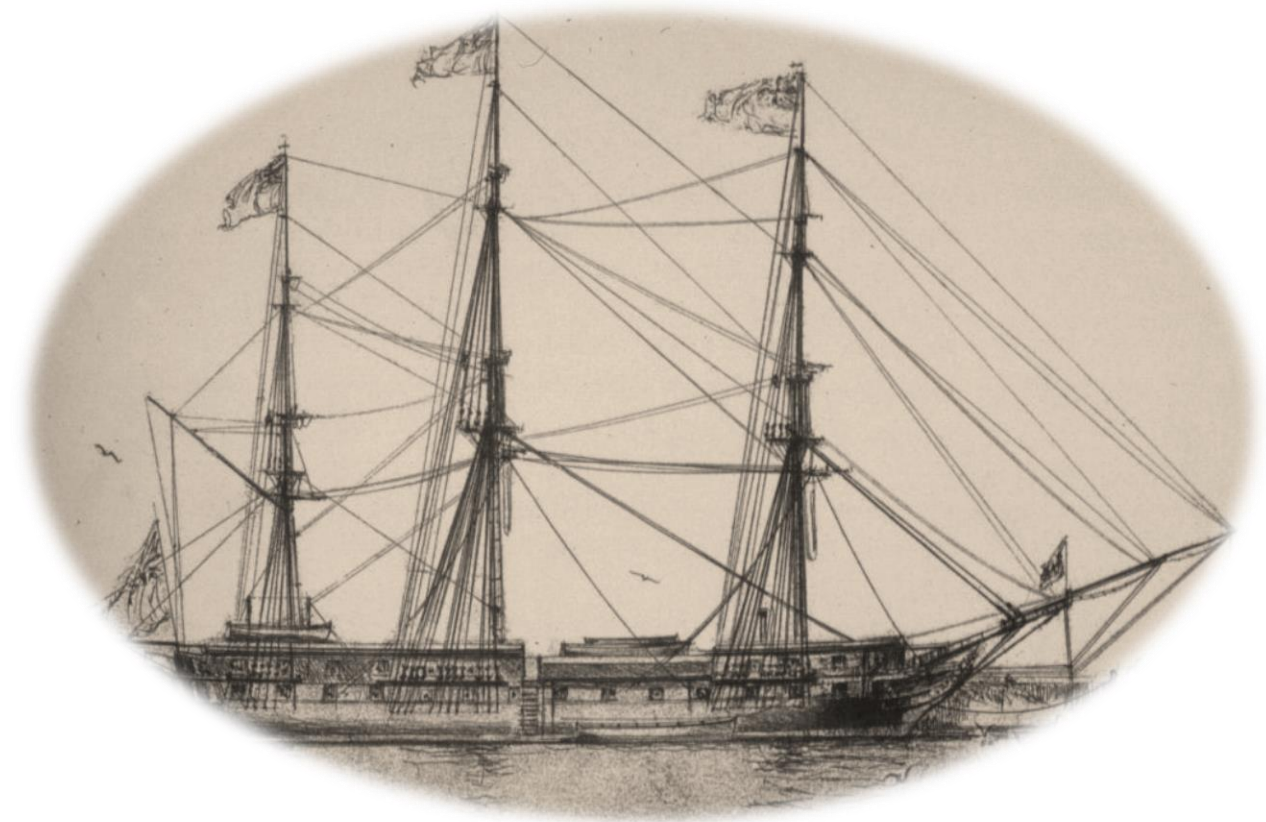
**AS SHIPBUILDING AND TEXTILE MANUFACTURING  
DECLINED, THE CITY SOUGHT TO REDEFINE ITSELF  
ONCE AGAIN.**



*A NEW TRANSPORTATION ROUTE TO THE CITY...  
THE TAY ROAD BRIDGE... WHICH OPENED IN 1966,  
AND A NEW ATTRACTION FEATURING THE HMS  
UNICORN FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE CITY'S  
NASCENT TOURISM INDUSTRY.*



**THIS FRIGATE, LAUNCHED IN 1824, IS THE ONLY COMPLETE SAILING WARSHIP REMAINING, AND IS ONE OF THE FEW SHIPS IN THE WORLD THAT HAS HAD A PERMANENT HOME PORT THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY.**



**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR TOURISM APPEARED WITH  
THE RETURN OF THE RRS DISCOVERY IN THE 1980s.**



**THIS SHIP, BUILT IN 1901, CARRIED ROBERT FALCON SCOTT AND ERNEST SHACKLETON TO ANTARCTIC... IT WAS ALSO THE LAST TRADITIONAL WOODEN THREE-MASTED SHIP BUILT IN BRITAIN. TODAY, IT IS HOUSED AT DISCOVERY POINT IN DUNDEE.**





***VARIOUS TRIBUTES TO SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONS APPEAR THROUGHOUT THE CITY.***



**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DUNDEE AS A MAJOR PORT  
AND A CENTER FOR WHALING WOULD NOT HAVE  
BEEN LOST ON ME.**



**AND THE NAME OF THE BLACK PETER'S SEA UNICORN MIGHT JUST HAVE HAD AN INSPIRATION FROM ANOTHER DUNDEE RESIDENT.**



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 042 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 043, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE COST OF LIVING IN VICTORIAN LONDON.



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