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Jubilee Year, 1926.

Pictorial Phases of its
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## FOREWORD.

HE remarkable and unexampled growth and popularity of the County Borough of Blackpool, from its early days to its present position as the finest and greatest health resort in the United Kingdom, are vividly shown by the illustrations which, at the primary suggestion of the Library and Art Gallery Committee, have been brought together in a permanent form as a not unimportant contribution to the Jubilee Year Celebrations.

Blackpool's inherent power of expansion is unique; and ample evidence is afforded by contrasting the past with the present.

Actuated by a sense of service to posterity the Library and Art Gallery Committee earnestly hope, and confidently believe, that their efforts to make this collection of prints and photographs as comprehensive and complete as possible, will have an importance and value, not only at the present time, but also in years to come.

They desire to place on record their grateful thanks to all who, by zealous co-operation and exemplary public spiritedness, have either given or lent any of the photographs herein produced.

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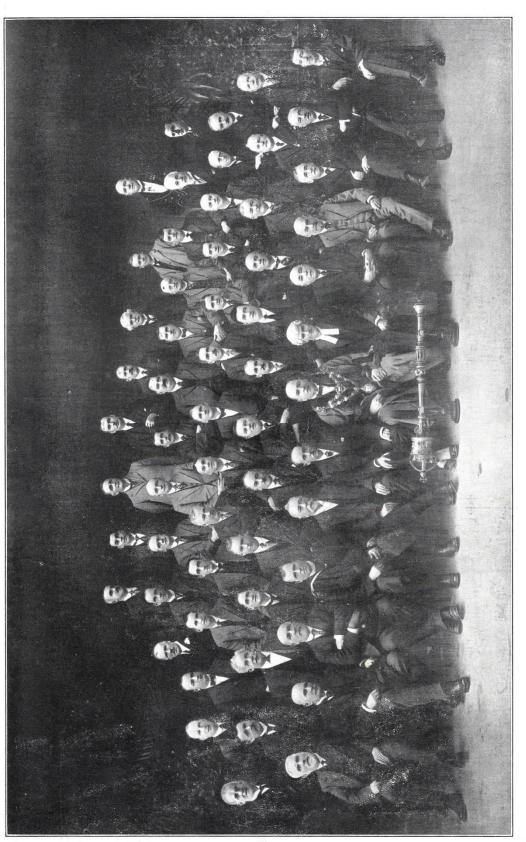
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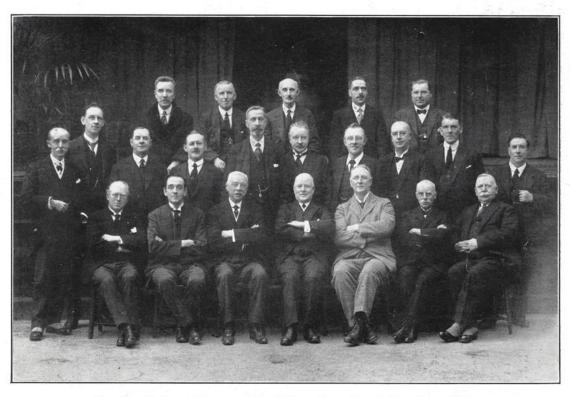
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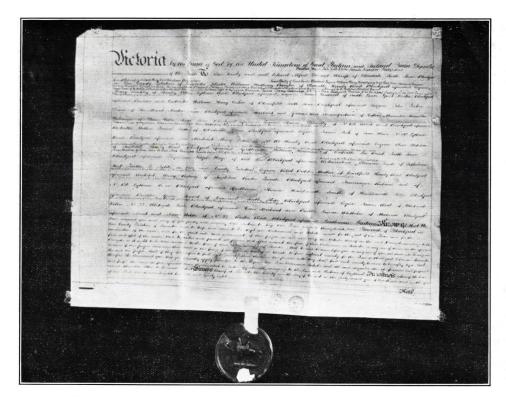
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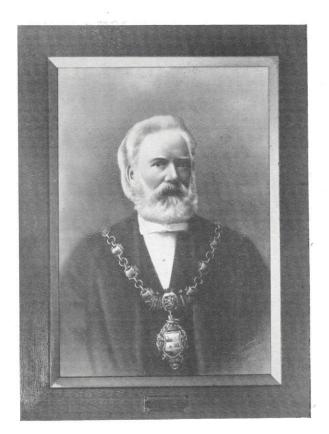
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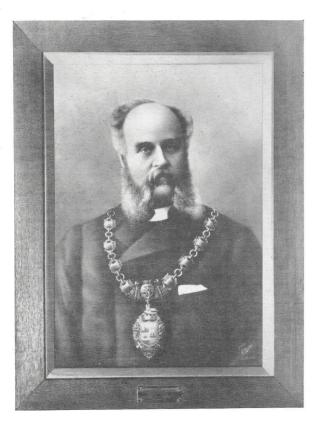
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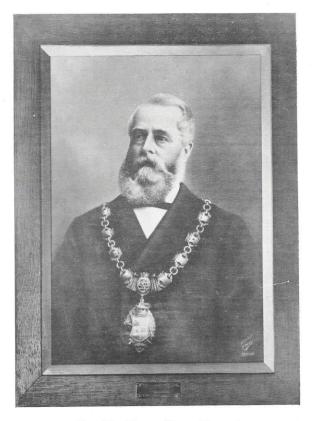
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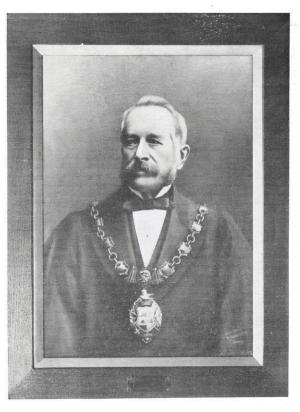
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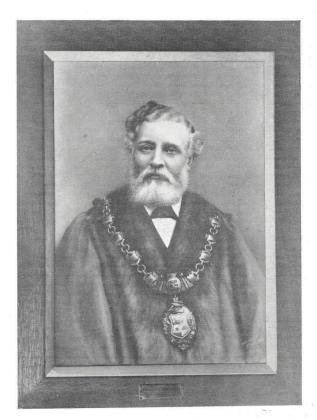
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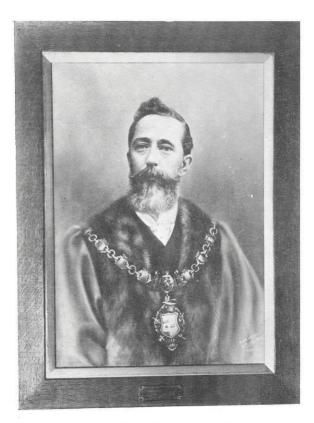
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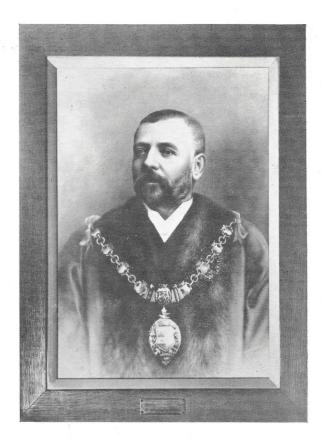
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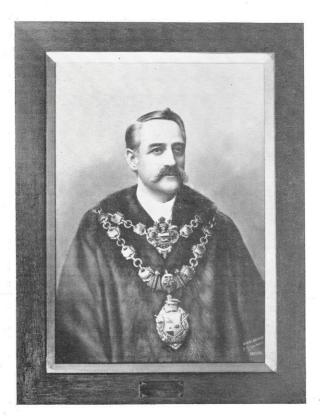
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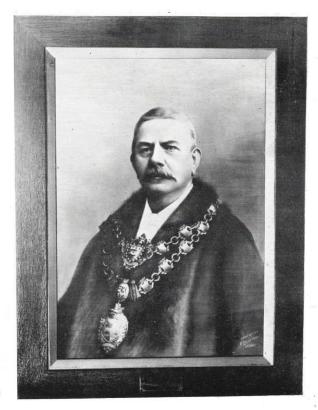
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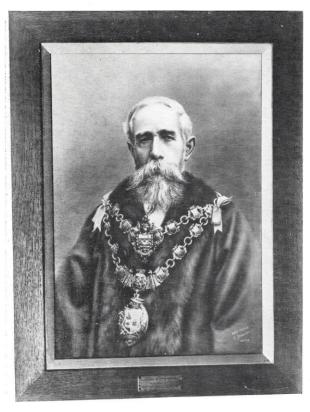
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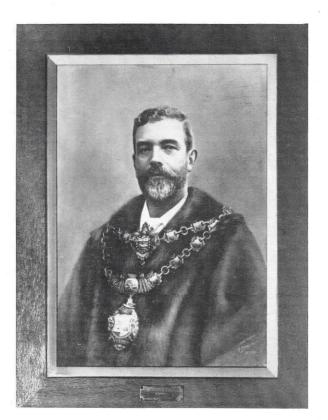
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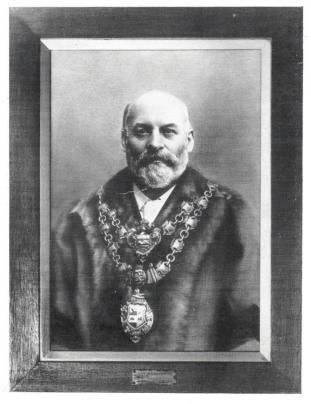
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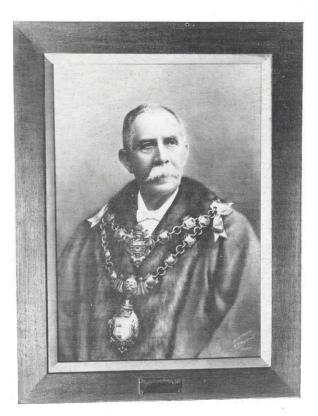
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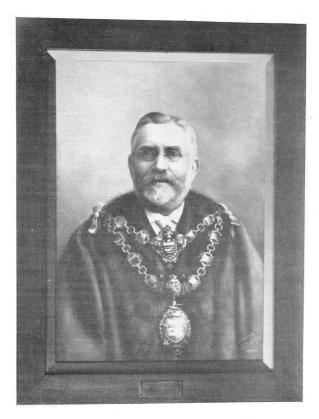
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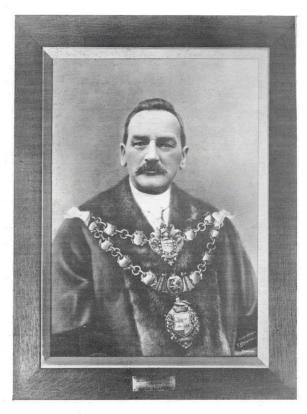
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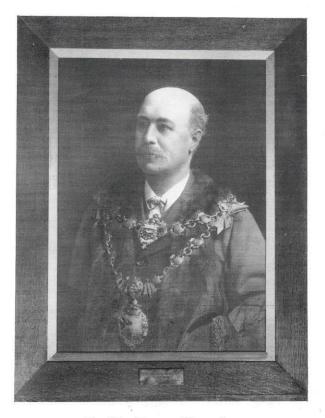
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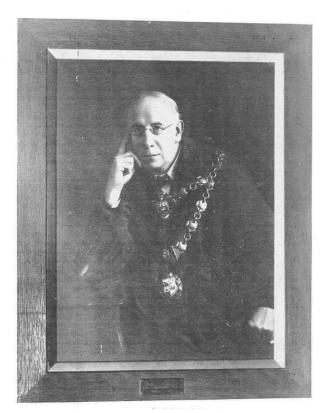
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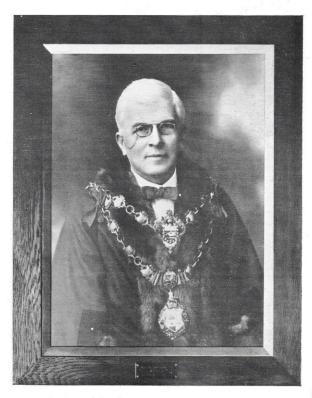
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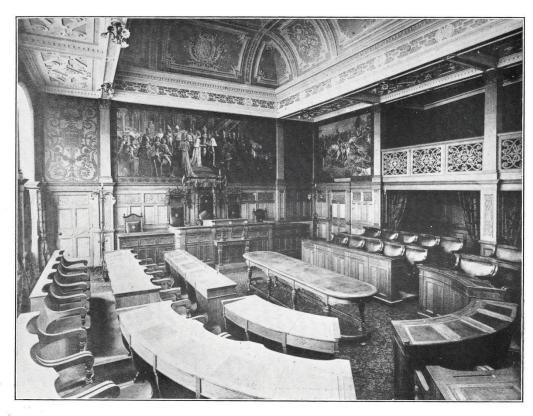
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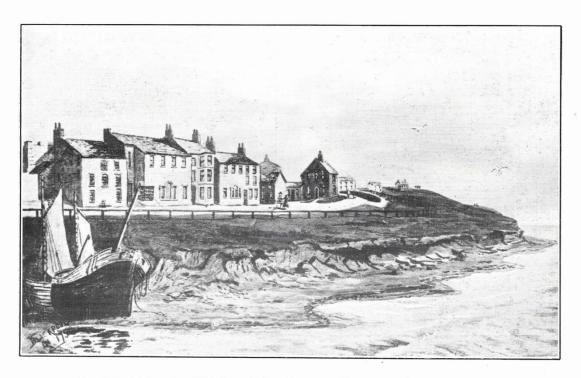
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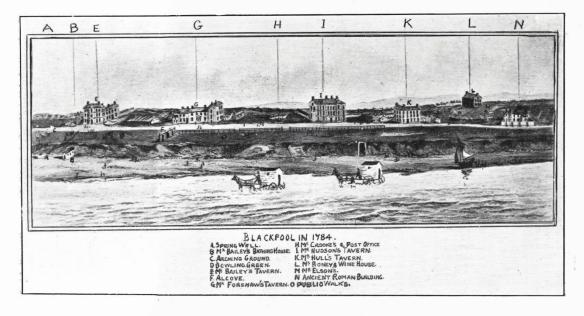
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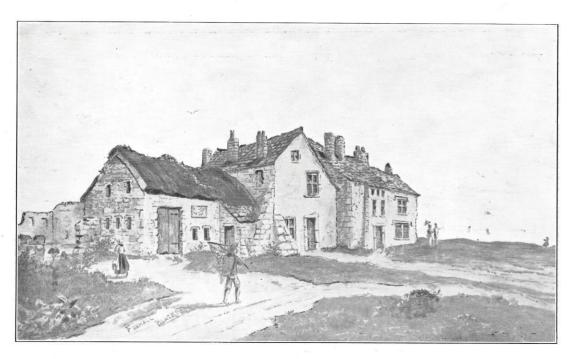
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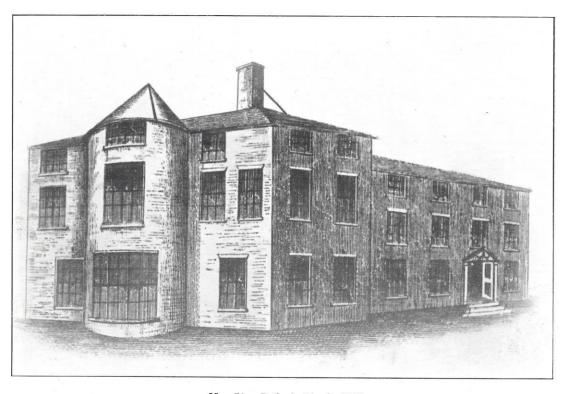
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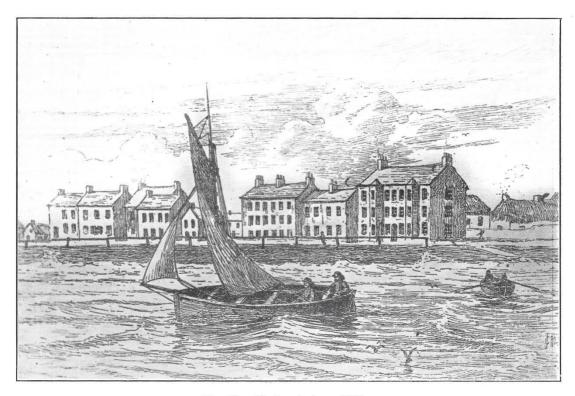
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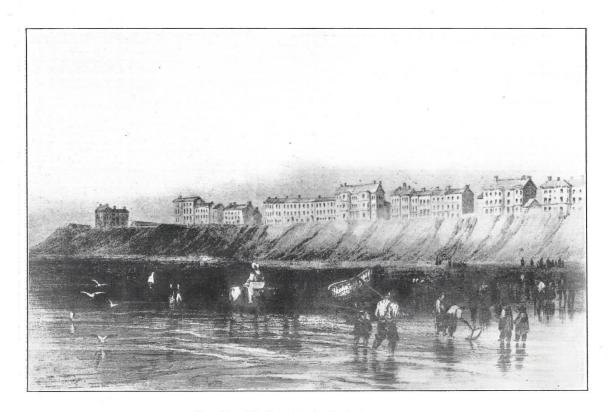
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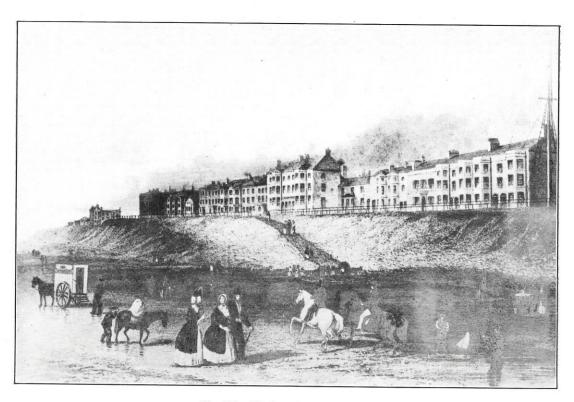
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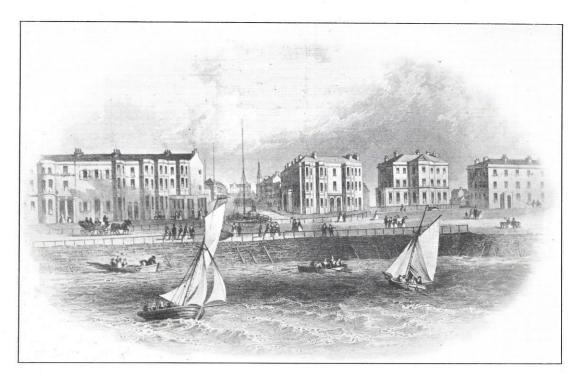
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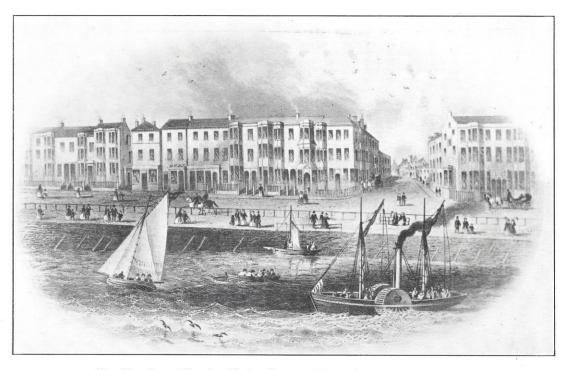
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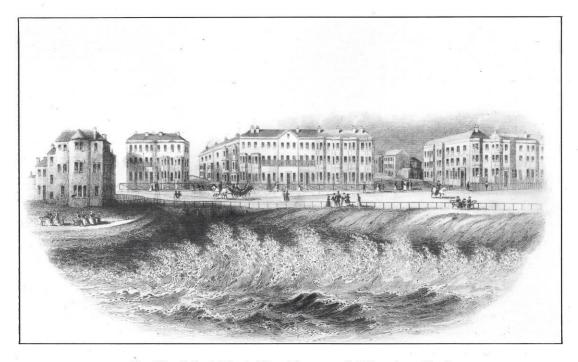
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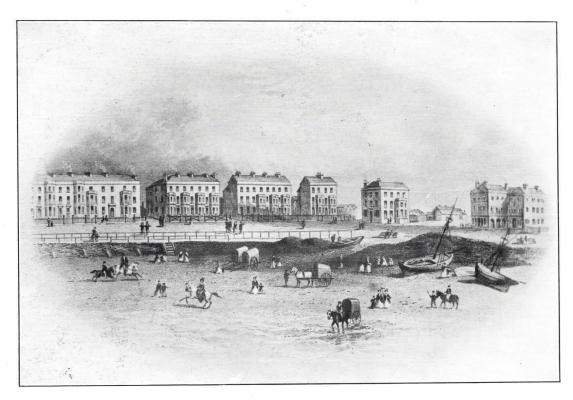
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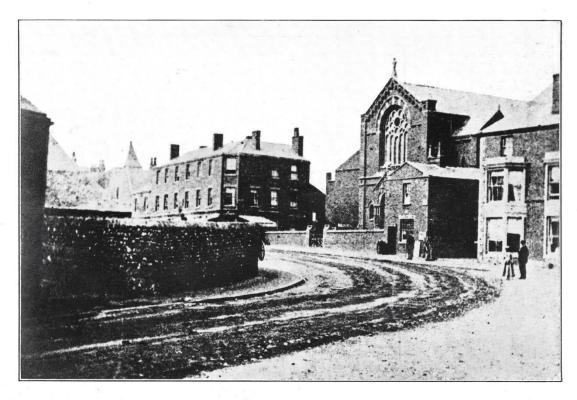


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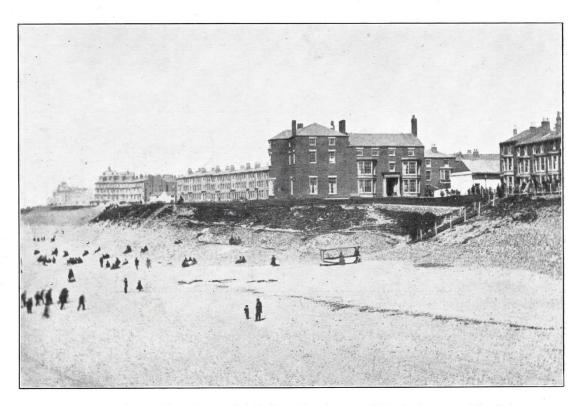


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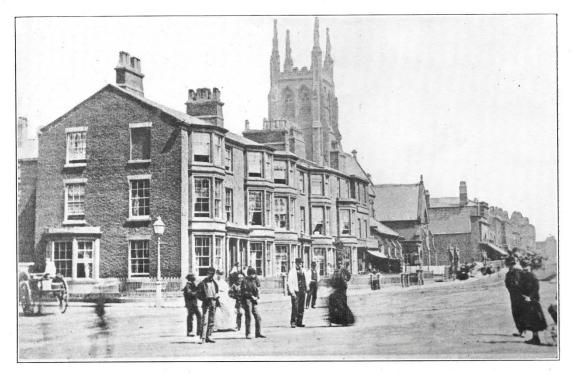
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No. 64.—Hounds Hill about 1865. The various shops forming part of the Palatine Buildings now occupy the site of old cobbled wall. Towards the left in the distance is seen a pointed spire, the site of the old Infant Schoolroom, Bank Hey Street, which was erected in 1856.



No. 65.—Bailey's Hotel (now Metropole), 1860. Site of proposed Pier is shown on right of picture.



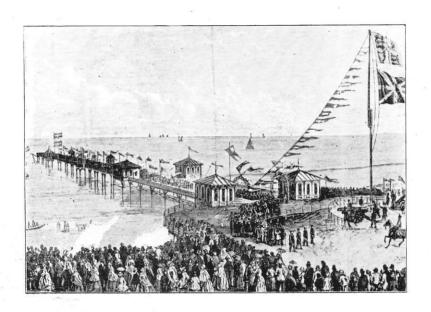
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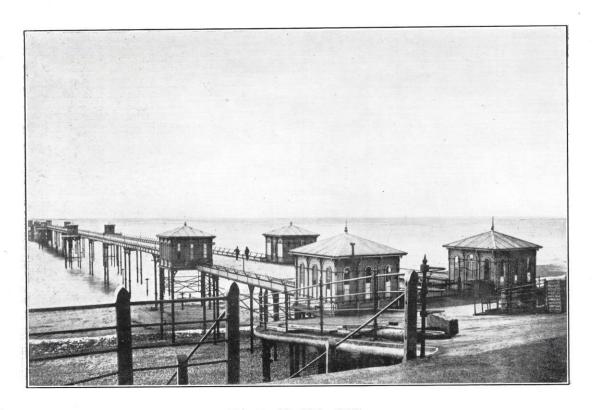
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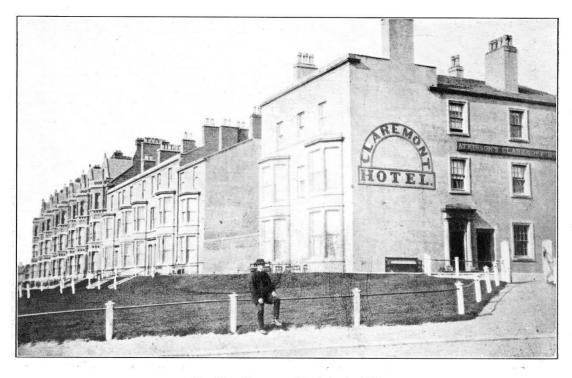
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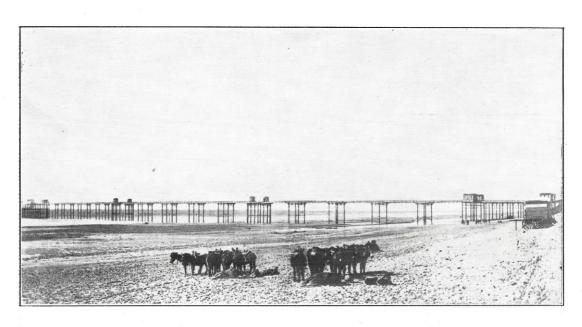
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No. 71.—Albert Terrace from Queen Street to Talbot Square, 1860.



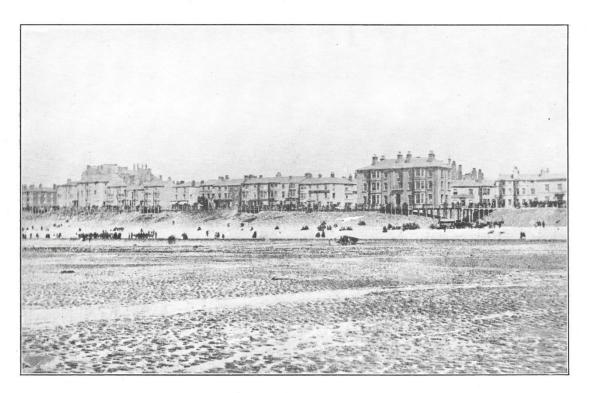
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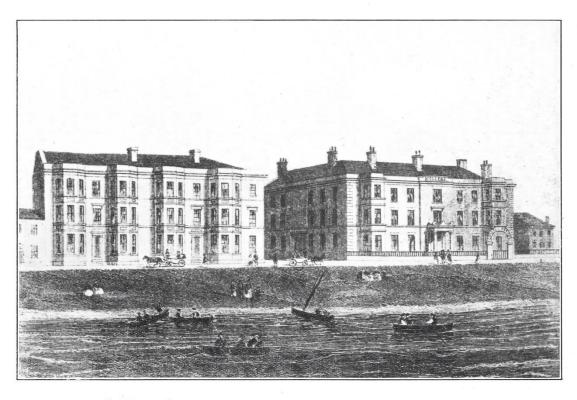
No. 73.—North Pier. First pile driven 27th June, 1862. Pier opened 21st May, 1863.



No. 74.—Crystal Palace Room, built by Dr. John Cocker, whose house "Bank Hey," is seen at the top of Victoria Street, now the Winter Gardens. 1860.



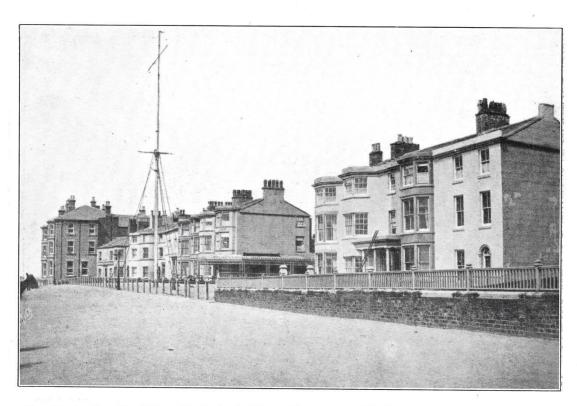
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No. 77.—Central Beach and Promenade, in 1867.



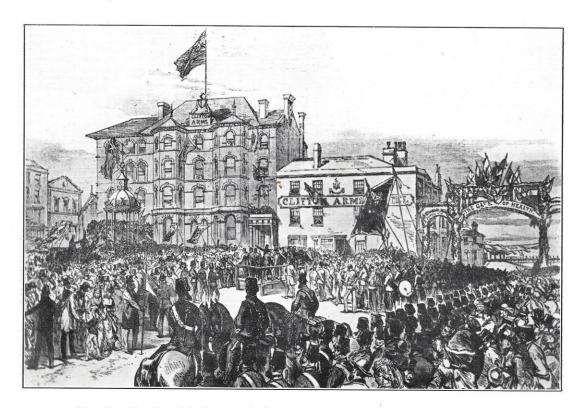
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No. 80.—Sir Benjamin Heywood's House. The sharp roof on the extreme right was the St. John's Infant School, now Hill's Bazaar. The gentlemen in front are Mr. Edward Banks and Dr. William Henry Cocker.



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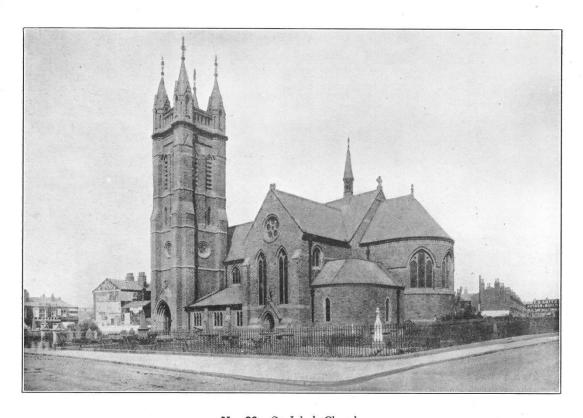
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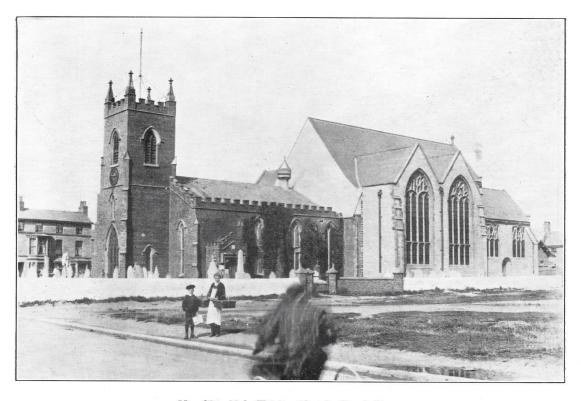
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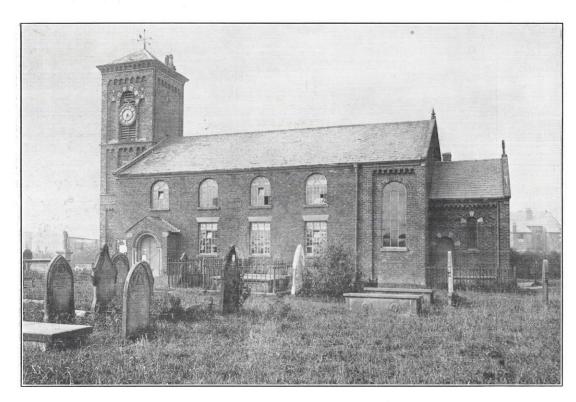
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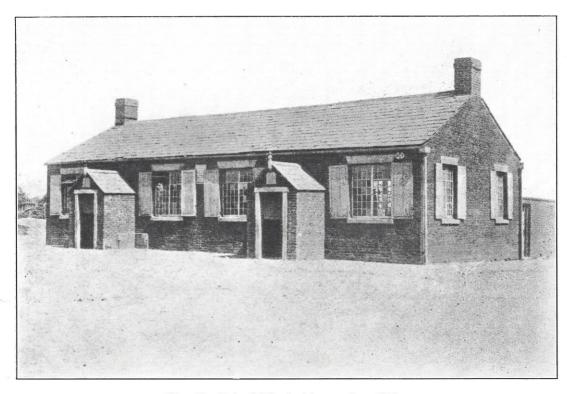
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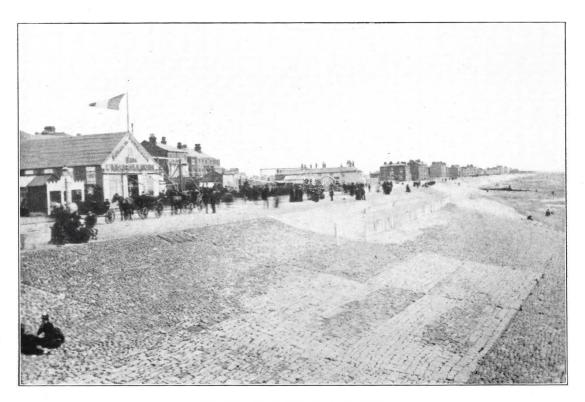
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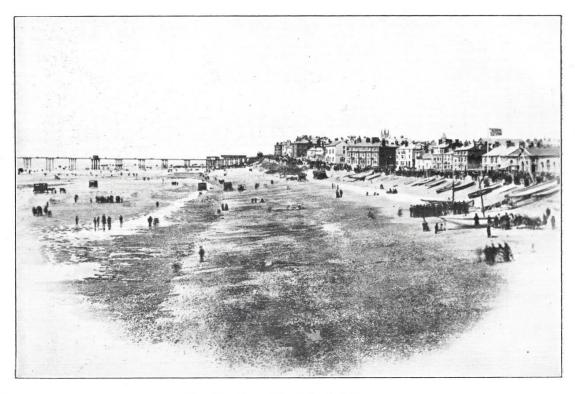
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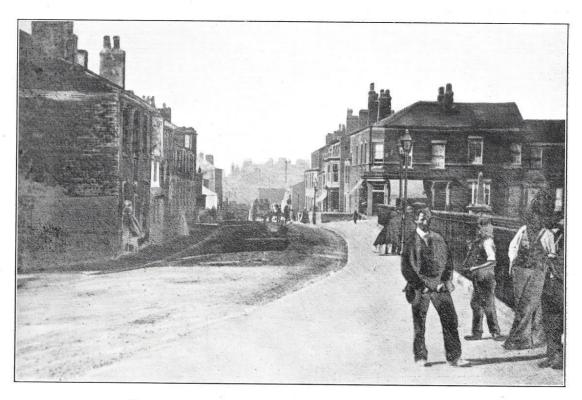
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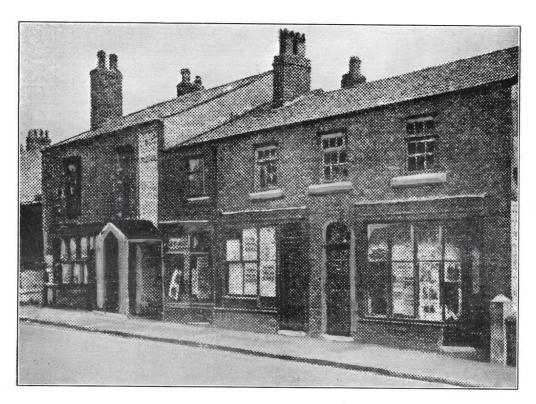
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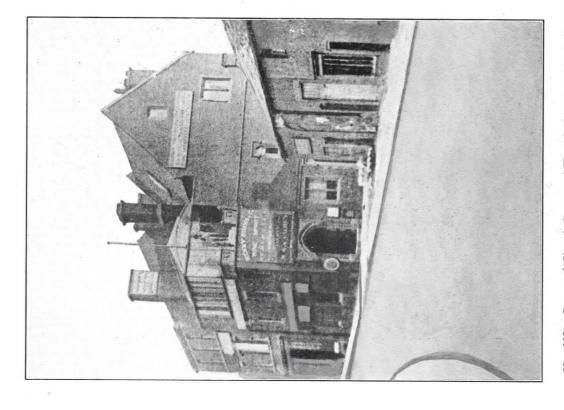
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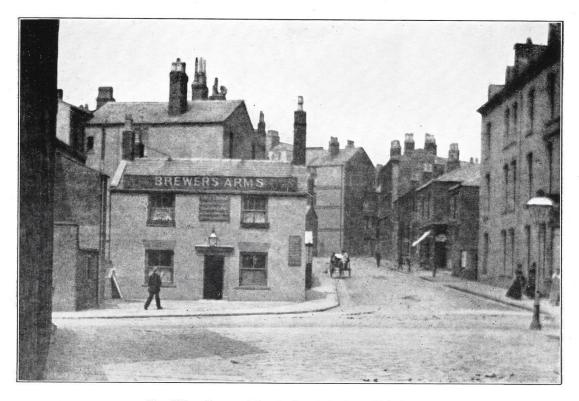


No. 102.—Talbot Square in 1886. The buildings to the right mark the site of the present Town Hall. The building at top of Clifton Street, is the old Union Baptist Chapel, pulled down to make way for the new General Post Office.



No. 104.—The Fountain, Talbot Square, in the '80's.

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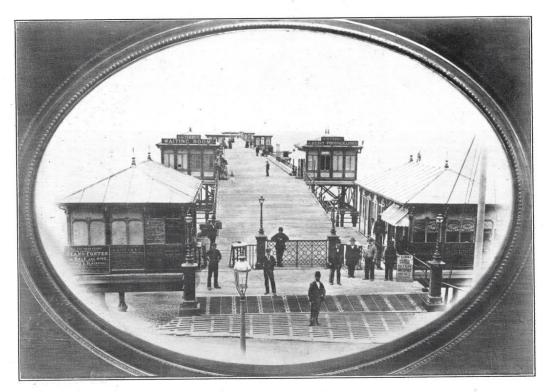
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No. 108.—North Shore, 1892. Upper Promenade, looking South.

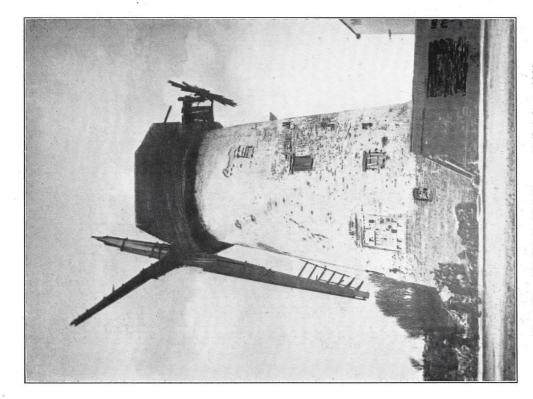


No. 109.—South Pier (Central), Blackpool.

The second person from the left in the foreground is that of His Worship the Mayor (Alderman Thomas Bickerstaffe, J.P.) as a youth,



No. 110.—Claremont Park Terrace, in the '80's.



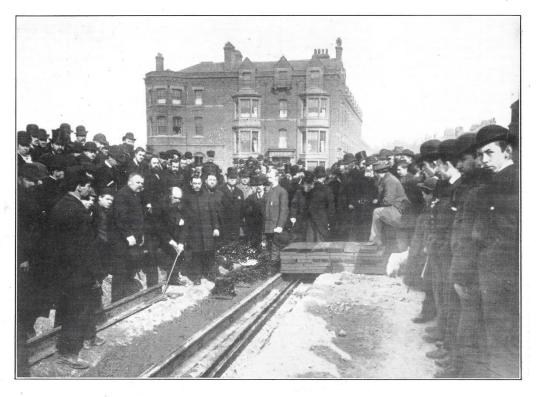
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No. 111.—Old Windmill, Marton. Pulled down 1900.



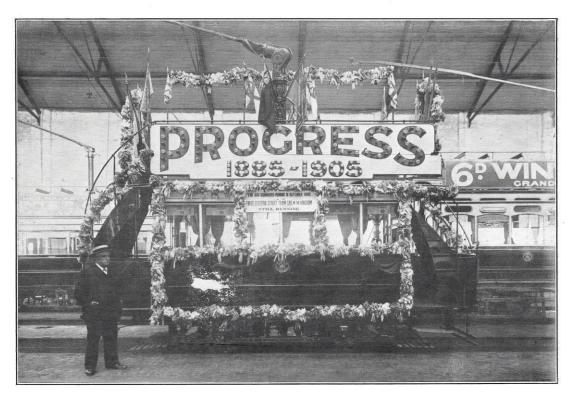
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The Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman James and Mrs. Fish) leaving their residence in Dean Street.

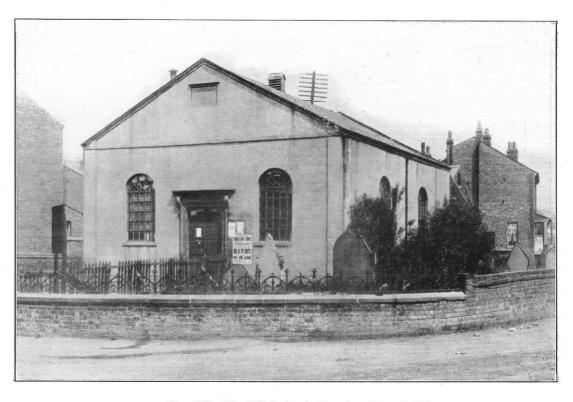


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Underground Conduit System.



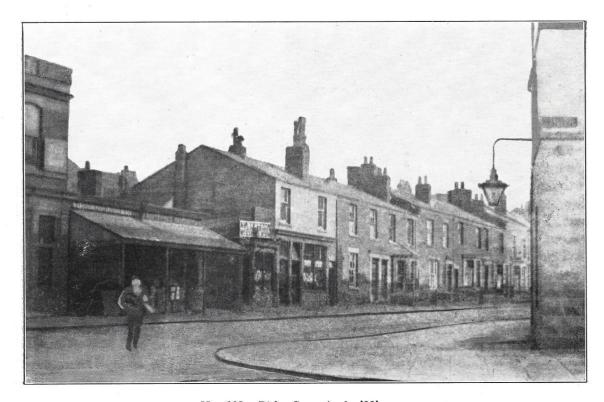
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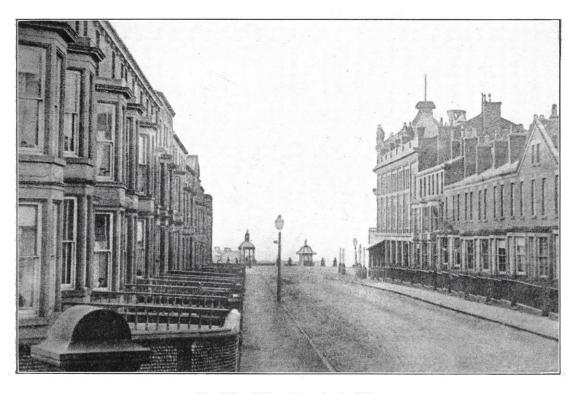
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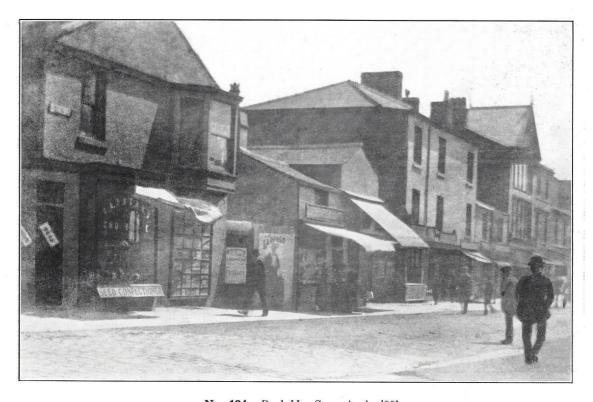
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No. 125.—Near Central Station in the '80's.



No. 126.—Revoe Inn, Central Drive, in the '80's.



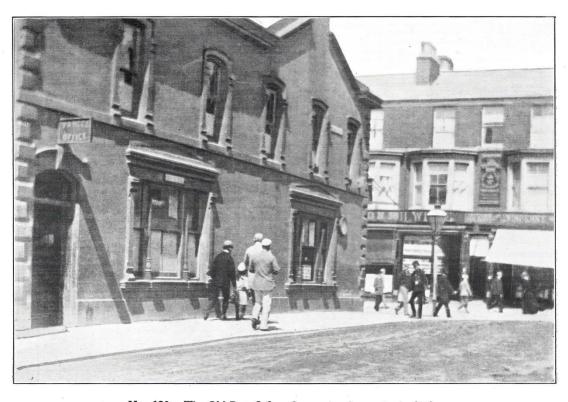
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No. 129.—Post Office at corner of Church Street and Coronation Street, in the '80's.



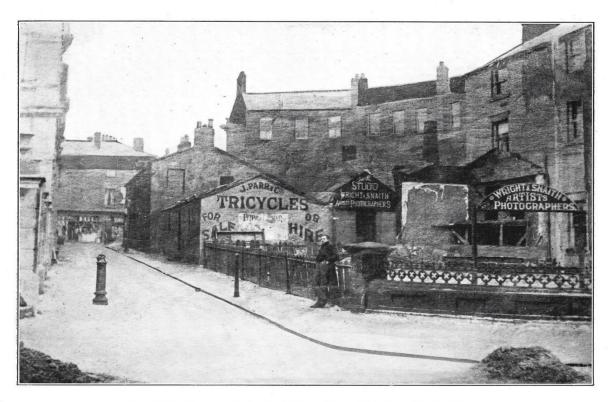
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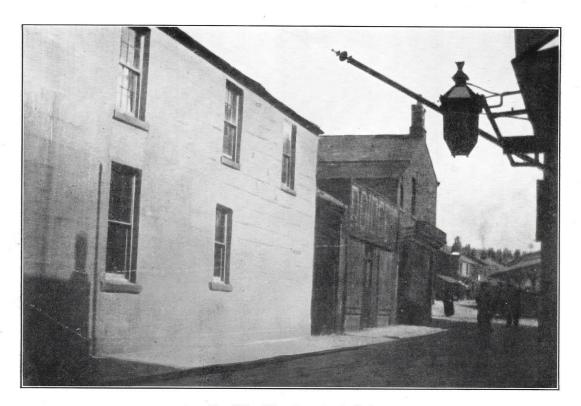
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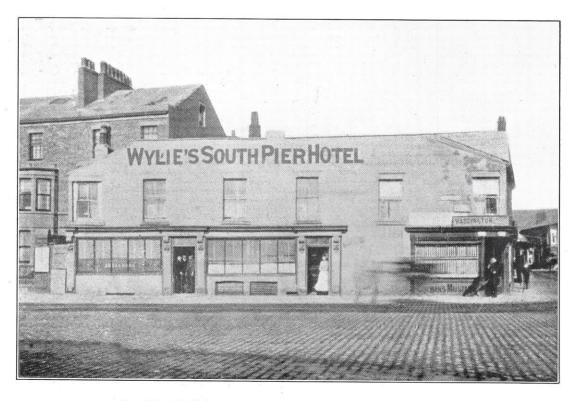
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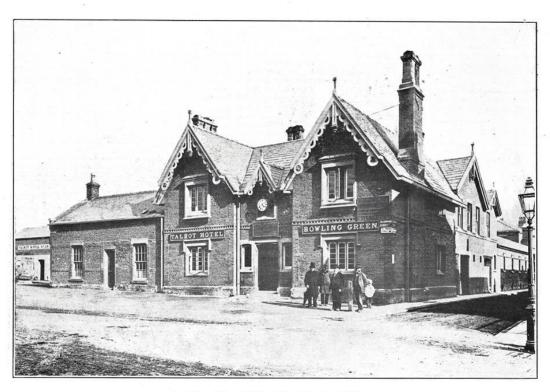
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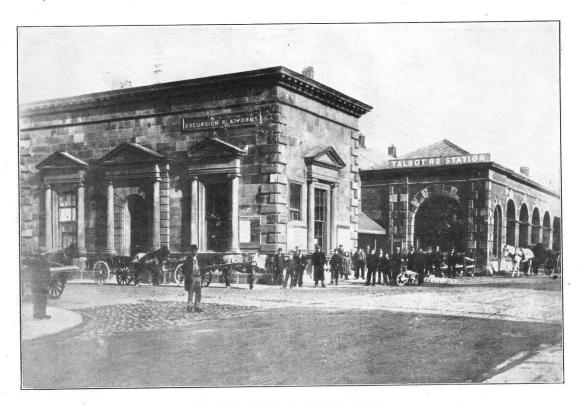
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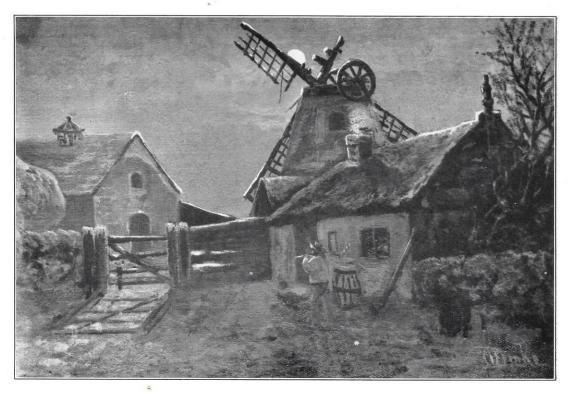
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No. 151.—Central Promenade, from Central Pier. Note the drying of clothes on the haulking.



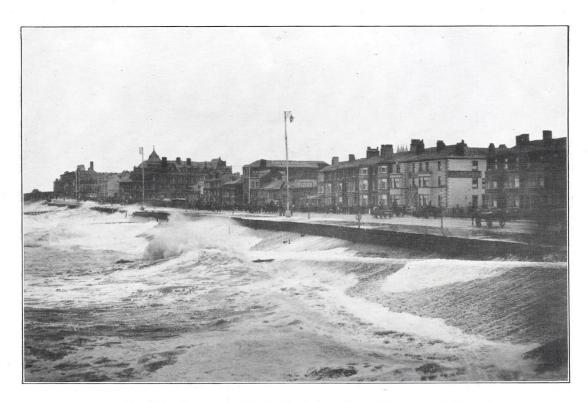
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No. 153.—Blackpool from North Pier, before the erection of Tower, Wheel and new Town Hall.



No. 154.—Central Beach, about 1886.



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No. 156.—Launch of Four Lifeboats, September, 1885.

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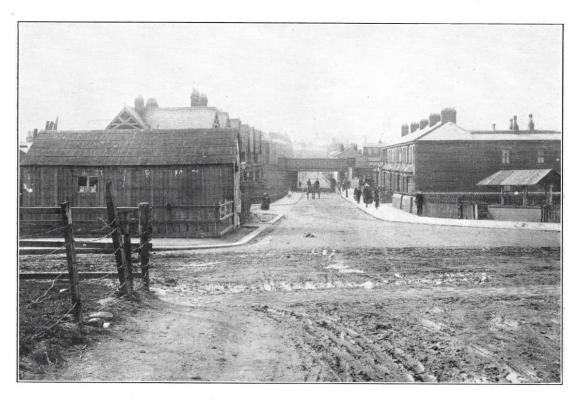
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No. 157.—Old Bonny's Farm, and Central Drive.



No. 158.—Old Bonny's Farm, site of King Edward Hotel.



No. 159.—Chapel Street from Central Drive.



No. 160.—Central Drive.



No. 161.—Old Revoe Farm. Site of Revoe Branch Library and Gymnasium.



No. 162.—Simpson's Farm, Revoe.



No. 163.—Wind Mill, Marton. Pulled down in 1900.



No. 164.—Entrance to Belle Vue Gardens, 1886.



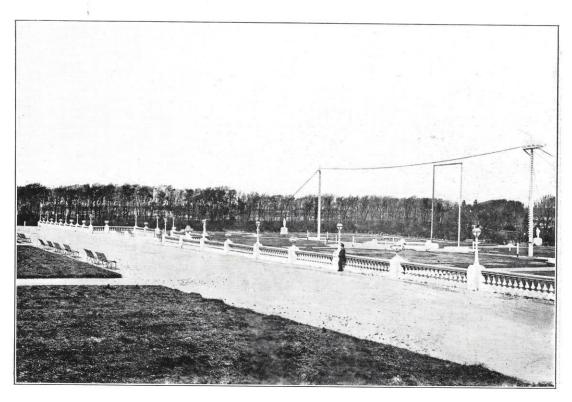
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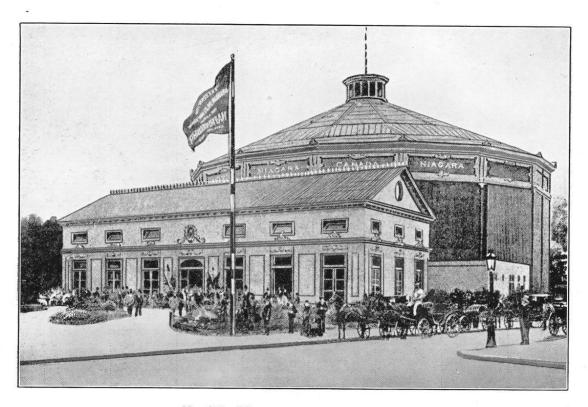
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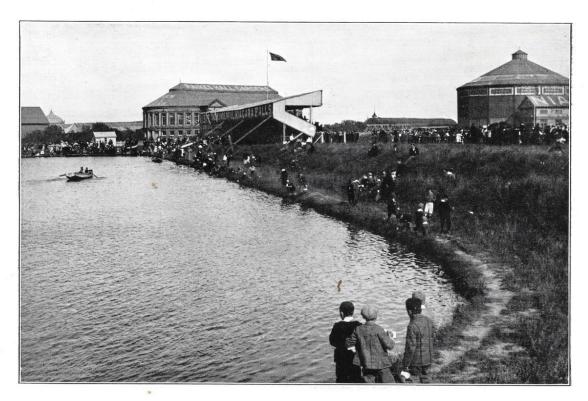
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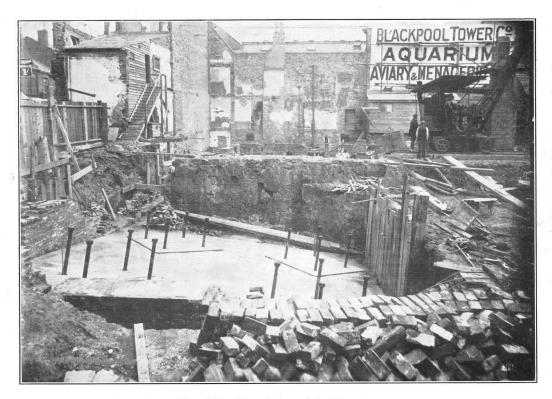
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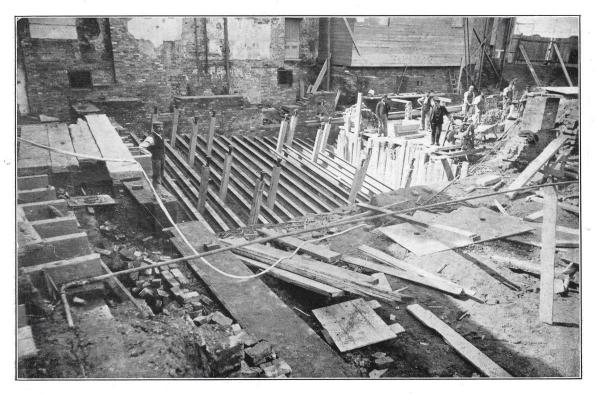
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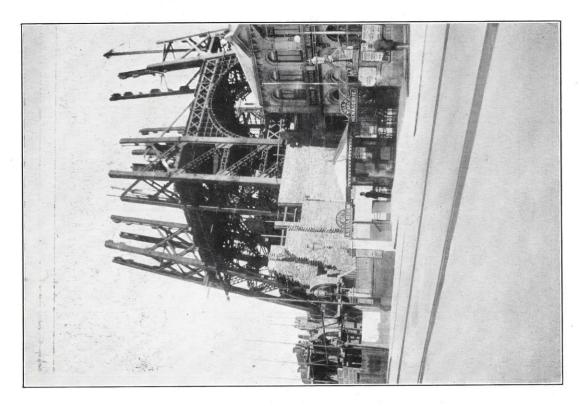
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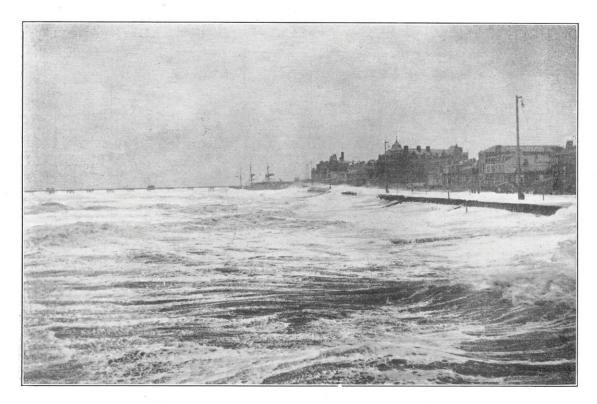
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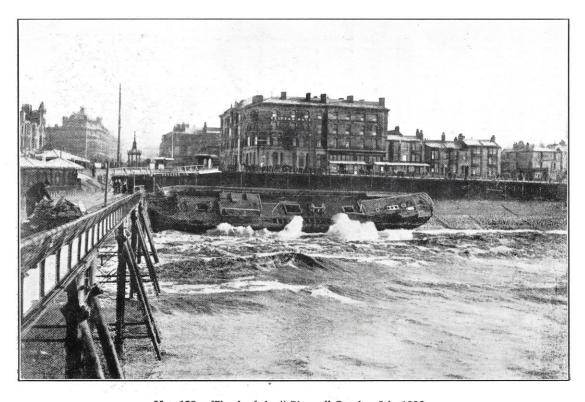
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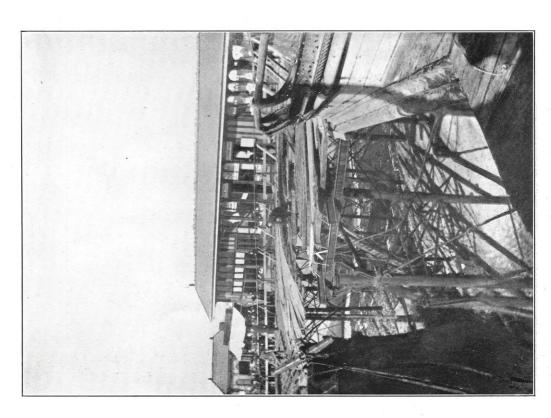
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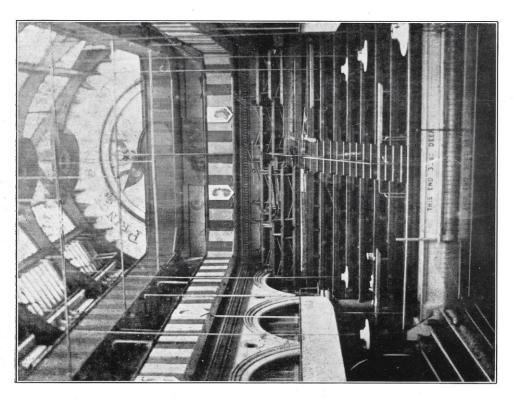


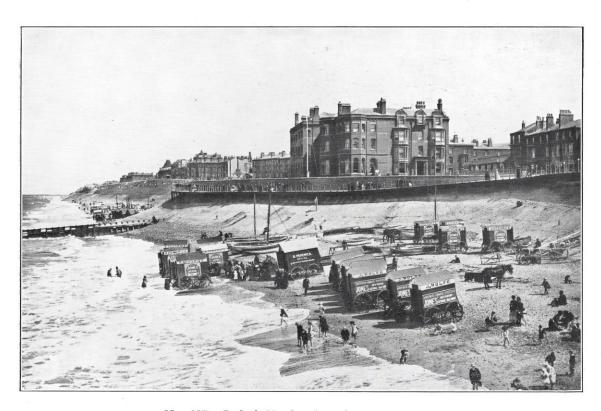
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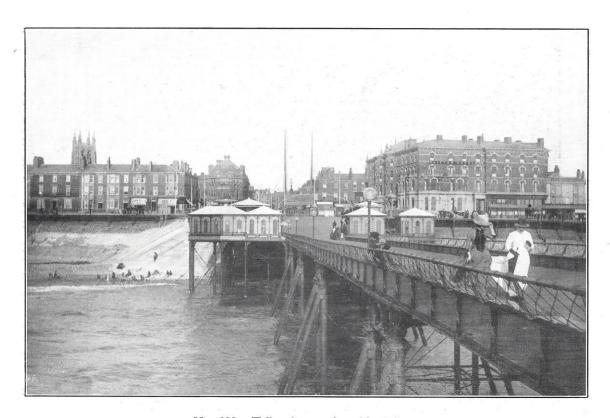


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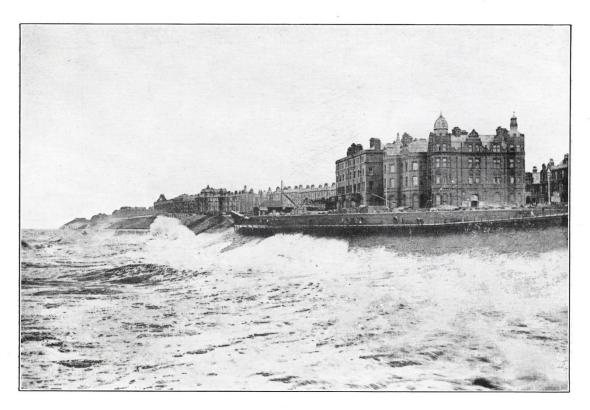
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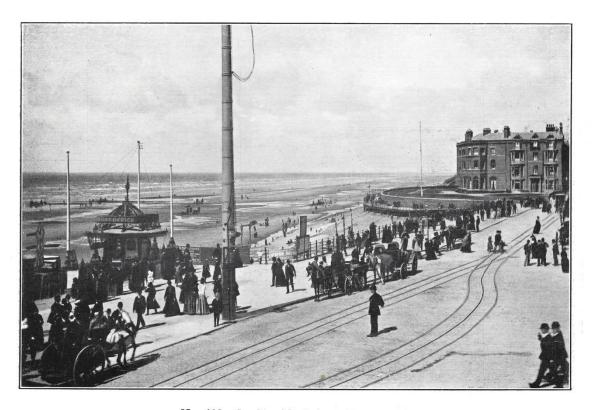
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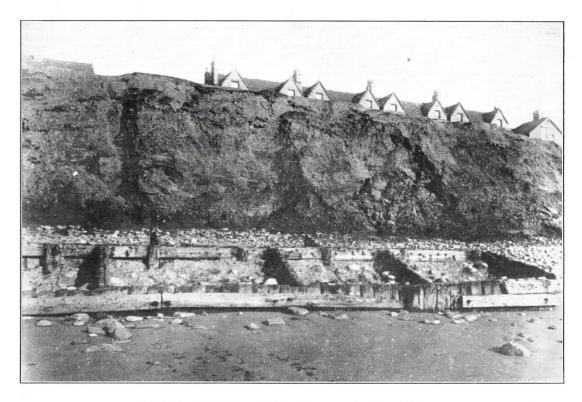
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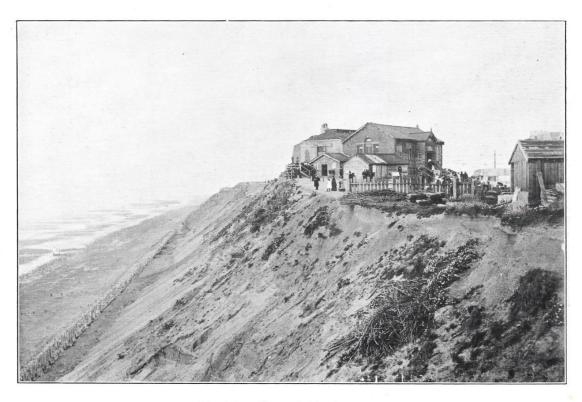
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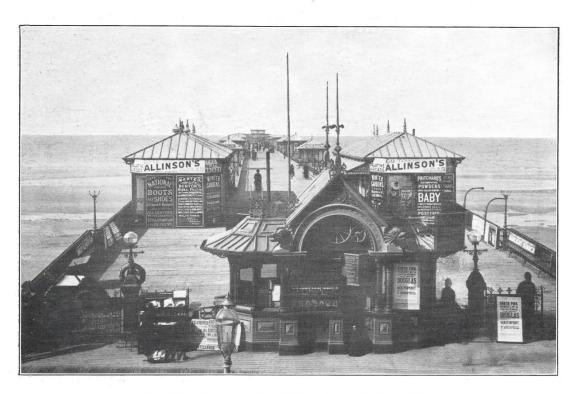
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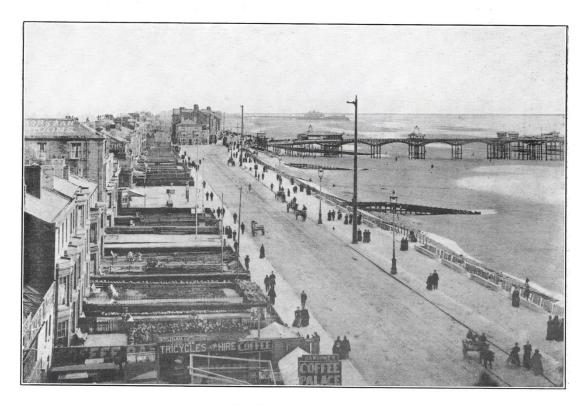
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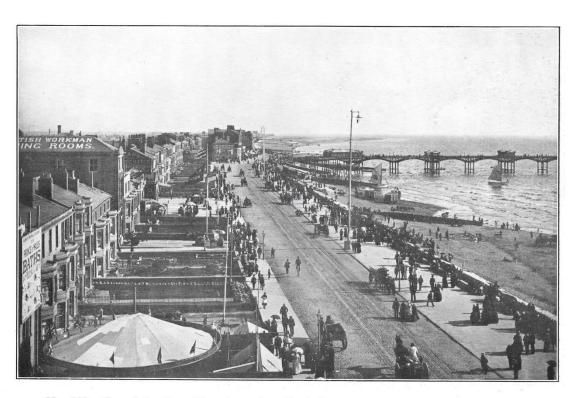
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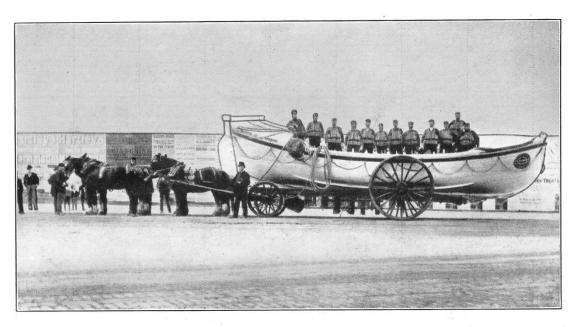
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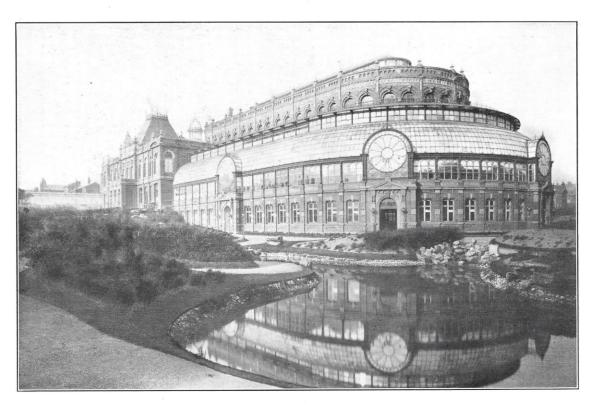
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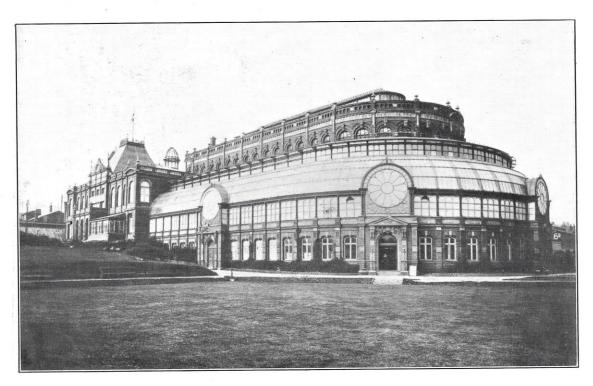
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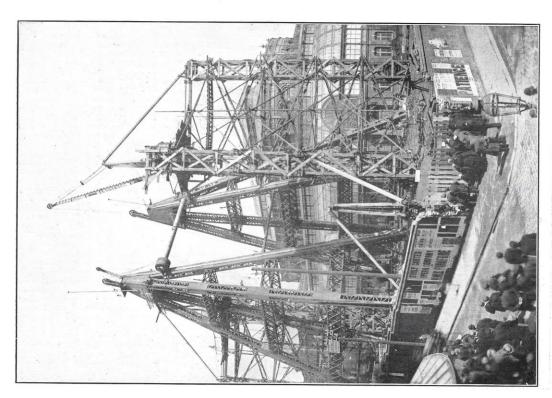
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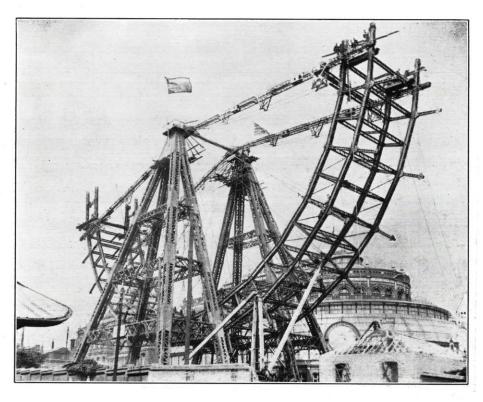


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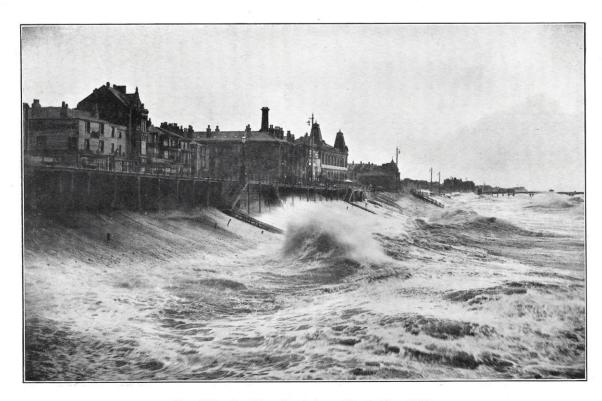
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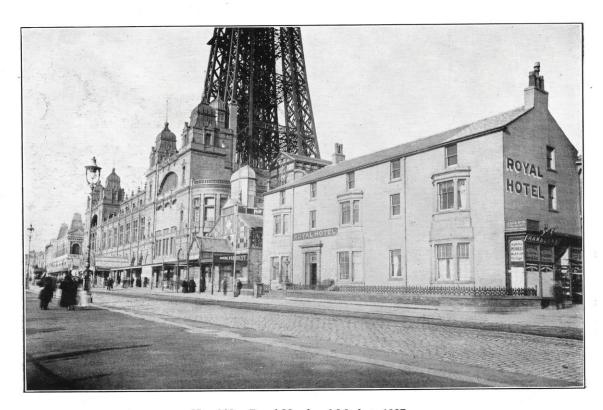
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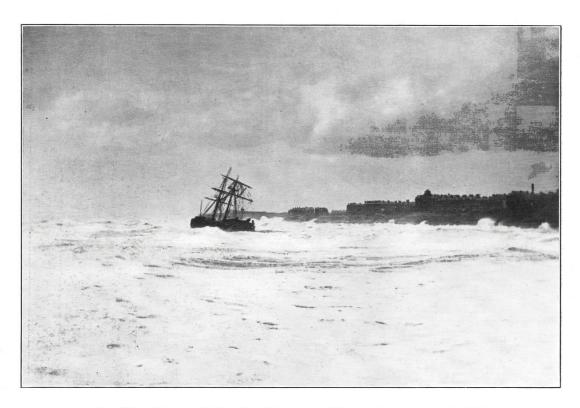
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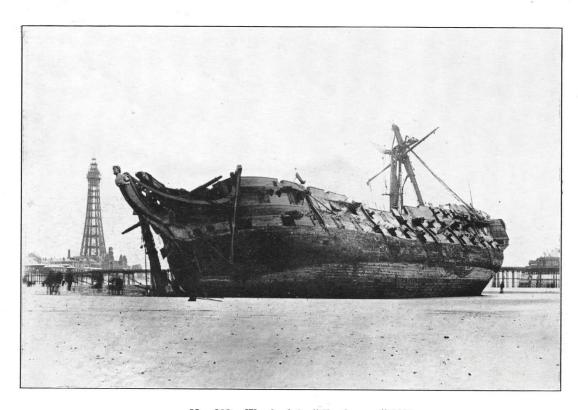
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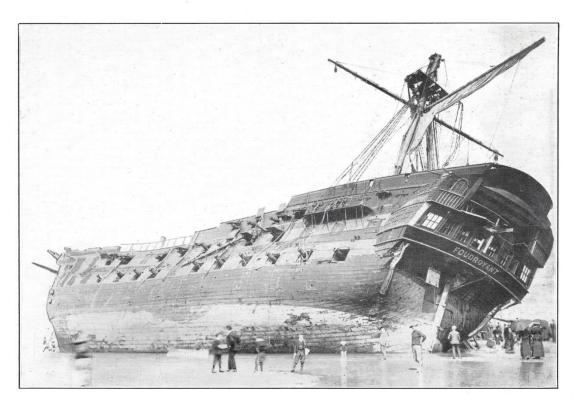
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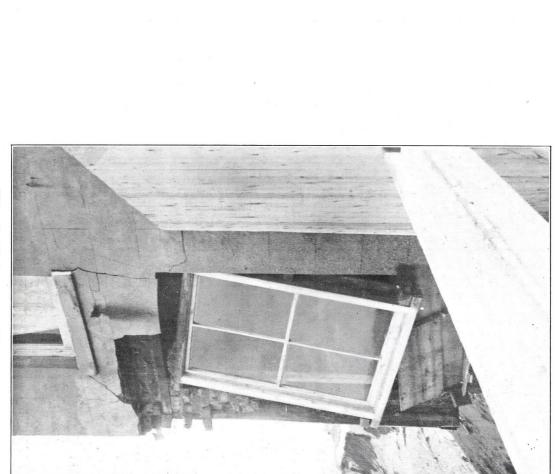
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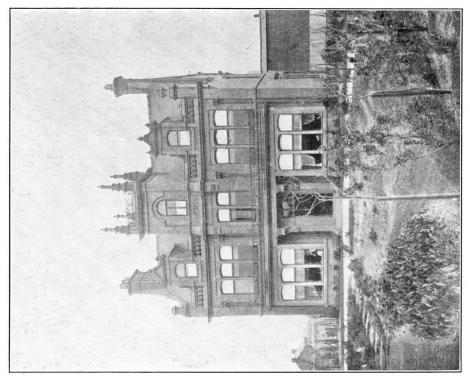
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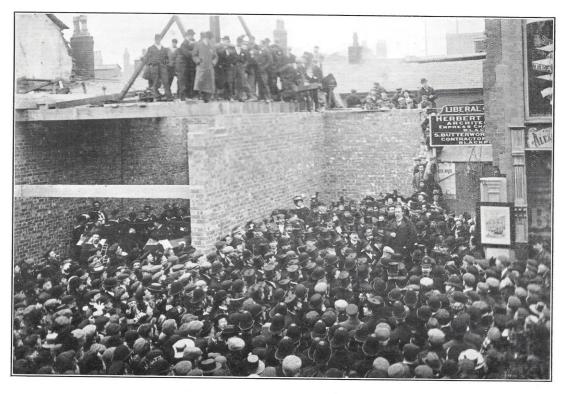
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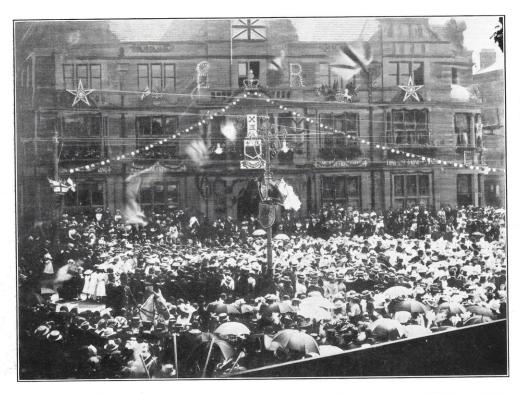
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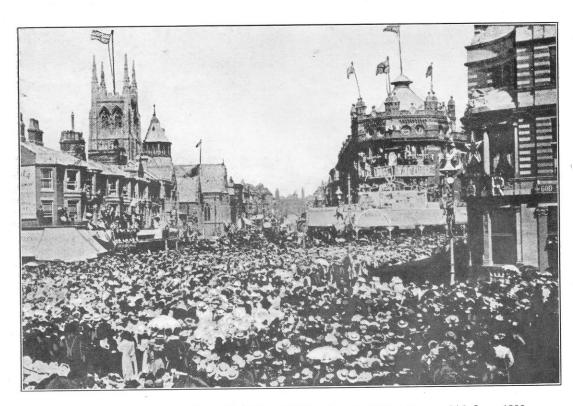
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No. 229.—Coronation Festivities—King Edward VII. Scene in Talbot Square, 26th June, 1902.



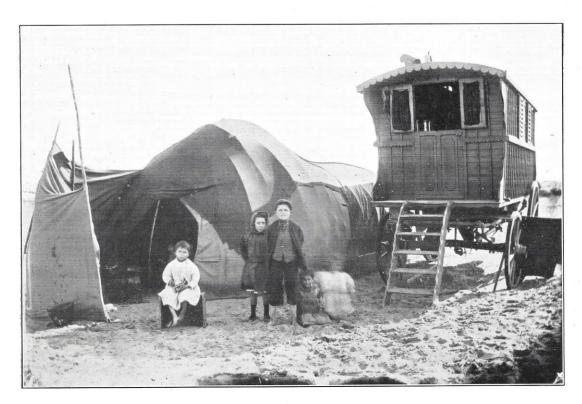
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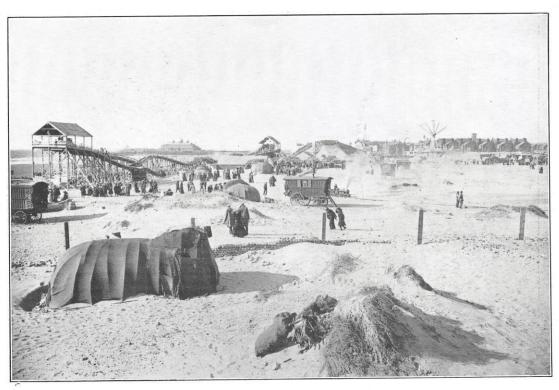
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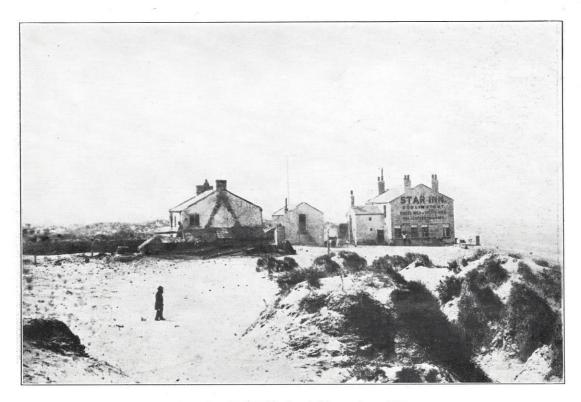
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No. 235.—Pleasure Beach, about 1905.

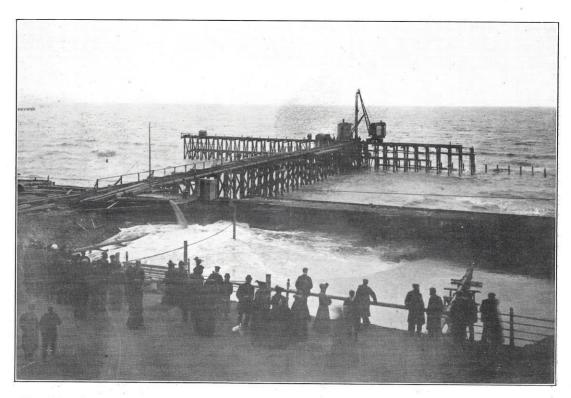


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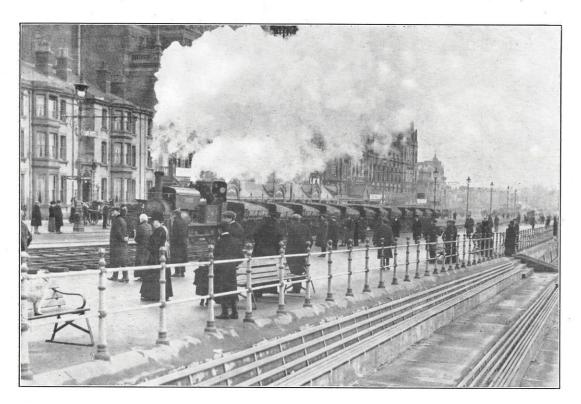


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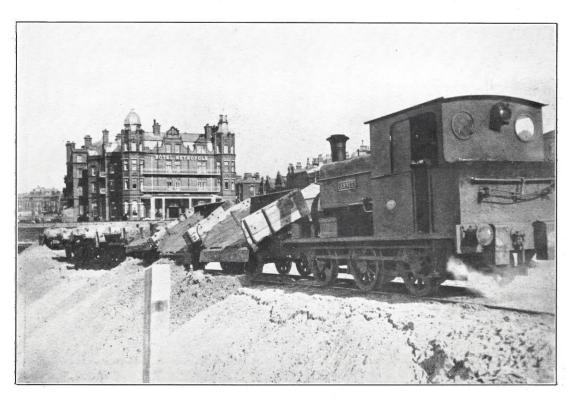
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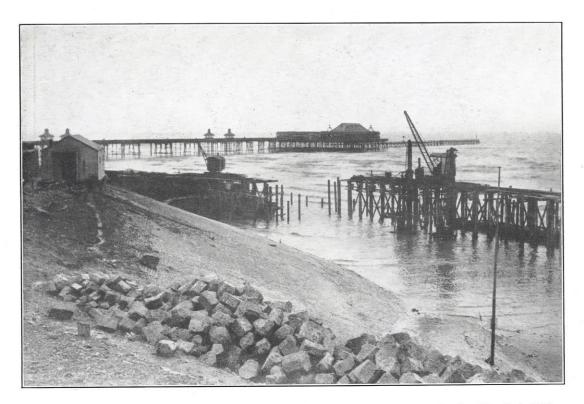
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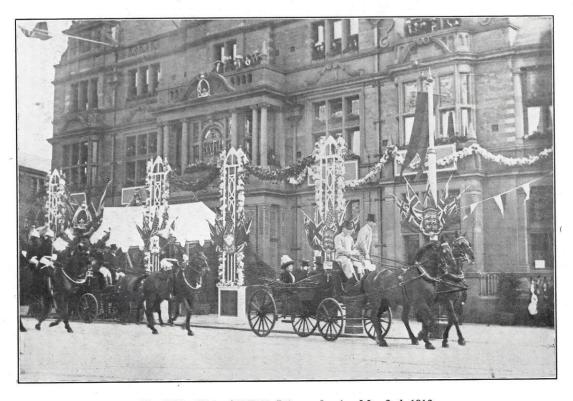
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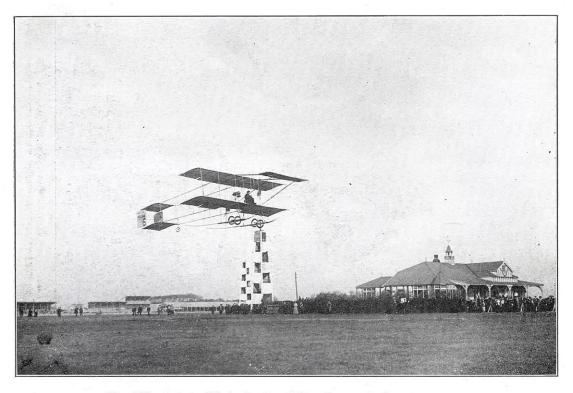
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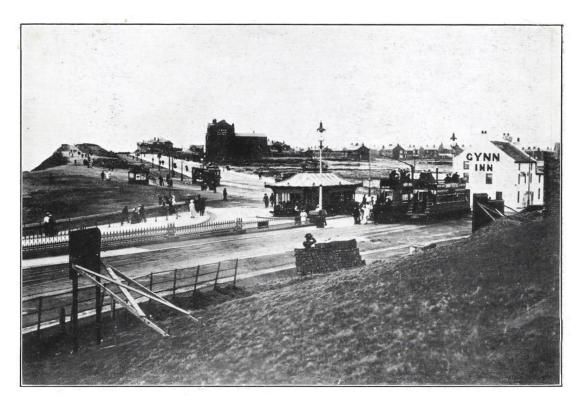
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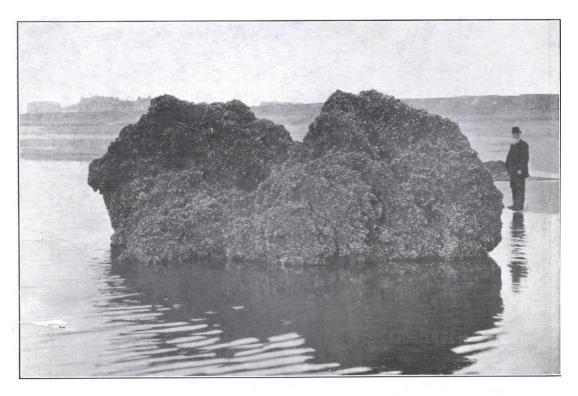
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