

# Expansive Engineering ~1800 - 1940

1851: Great Exhibition

Achievements: Steam railroad public 1825 near London

dynamite (chemistry)

bicycle

automobile

lighting (elec.)

rubber

station

bridges

Consequences: rails broke,  
explosions

right of way.

tunnels

Expansive Eng., 1800-1940

1851 Great Exhibition London

Transport: Steam railway  
steam ships  
airplane  
Hindenburg.

Mech/ Civil      bicycle      piston → turbine  
automobile      pipelines  
bridges      dams  
tunnels      canals

Chem. dynamite  
rubber  
pesticides  
fertilizers (am)  
petroleum

Elec: lighting  
communication - wire (less)  
(1837) telegraph  
1865 Maxwell  
1900/1901, Marconi transatlantic  
TV (1939)

Metallurgy: better steels  
Bessemer furnace

Social: right of way  
political

Social class  
equalization

Eng. associations.

1828 Institution of Civil Engineers

by 1900 many

Eng. education

1850-1900

Environment: pollution  
not recognized, but beginning

Very extensive industrialization

Electrification

Heavy industry (steel)

Automotive

New technical artifacts

Environmental Impact of Devices

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1881

increased improvements  
need → in steel making.

leads to more supply

↑  
leads to greater use ← enables  
incl. new appl.