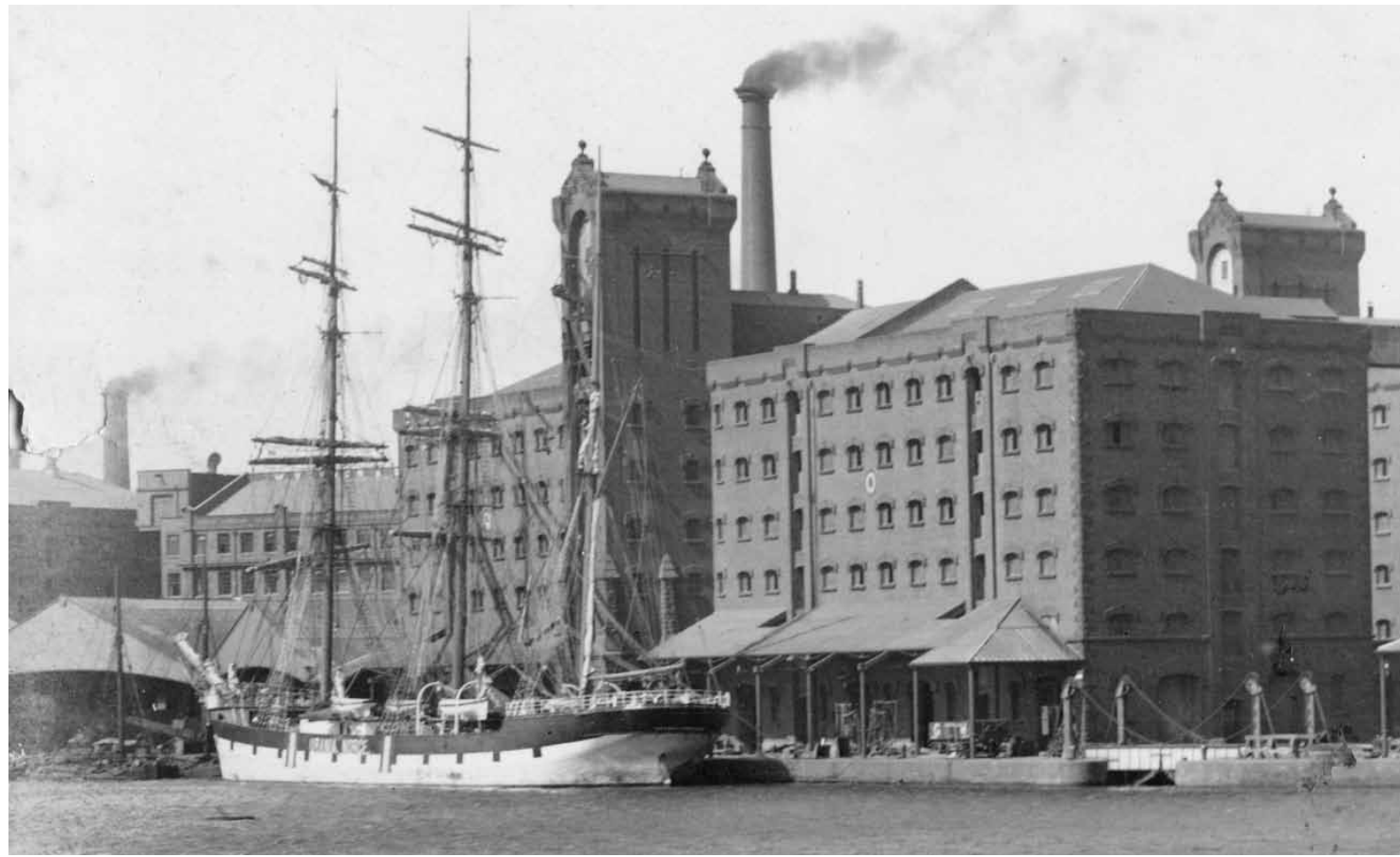


# CARGO



Grain from North America came into Britain through Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks. Canal boats loaded at the silos, and tugs were provided for crossing the Mersey to and from Birkenhead.



There were several canalside flour mills in Liverpool. Here, **Elleswater** is delivering grain to the North Shore Flour & Rice Mill between Boundary Street and Sandhills in the 1950s.



Josh. Appleby & Son were a major carrier of grain on the canal. This is their **Leopard** outside Greenwoods mill at Enam, Blackburn, one of two canalside mills developed from a windmill.



Appleby's mill at Clayton-le-Moors, with two horse-drawn boats outside awaiting unloading.



Ainscough's **Ironclad** approaching Burscough whilst towing one of the dumb boats, possibly **Burscough** or **Viktorja**.



Ainscough's had mills at Burscough and Parbold, and were regular users of the canal. Here **Ambush** is unloading at Burscough in 1958.



Here, Appleby's horse boat **Leopard** has been photographed at Ring O'Bells. The firm had mills on the canal at Bootle, Blackburn, Clayton and Burnley.



Ainscough's new mill at Parbold on the left, with the old windmill on the right.

# GRAIN