SECTION 6

How was the Canal used?

Activity 1
Learning intention: To compare an aspect of life with the same aspect in another period.
Part of a page of a Tonnage Book belonging to the Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation.
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This page from the Tonnage Book shown on the previous page is extremely useful as it indicates a number of uses for the canal and also indicates wide-ranging trade with ports further away.

Investigations can include:

• Mapping the journeys of the cargo.

• Finding reasons for the journeys.

• Why was stone being brought from Chepstow? Was it resistance to weathering compared to Cotswold stone and can that be investigated?

• Why were some journeys started from the River Severn? Was it transshipment of cargo from large boats to boats able to use the canal?