

JONES, Sir ALFRED LEWIS (1845 - 1909);

Name: Alfred Lewis Jones
Date of birth: 1845
Date of death: 1909
Parent: Mary Jones (née Williams)
Parent: Daniel Jones
Gender: Male
Area of activity: Business and Industry
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Born 24 February 1845, at Carmarthen, son of Daniel Jones by his wife, Mary, daughter of Henry Williams, rector of Llanedy, Carmarthenshire. The family moved to Liverpool when he was 2 years of age. Commencing his career as a ship's apprentice, he became a clerk in the firm of Fletcher and Parr, shipping agents, and rose to be manager of the firm. He subsequently became one of the leading figures in the firm of Elder Dempster, and played a major part in the shipping and general trade of the West African coast. He also had a great share in restoring prosperity to the Canary Islands. In 1900 he was invited by Joseph Chamberlain, then Secretary for the Colonies, to co-operate in developing the trade of the West Indies. He helped to form the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in 1899. In June 1902 he founded the British Cotton Growing Association, and in June 1903 became chairman of the Liverpool Institute of Tropical Research. He was also a president of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Mr. Chamberlain's tariff commission formed in 1904. In 1901 he was made K.C.M.G. and, in 1905, an honorary Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford. He was also the recipient of many foreign decorations. He died 13 December 1909.

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Further reading

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