

PASCOE, Sir FREDERICK JOHN (1893 - 1963), industrialist

Name: Frederick John Pascoe
Date of birth: 1893
Date of death: 1963
Spouse: Margaret Esson Pascoe (née Scott)
Parent: Frederick Richard Pascoe
Gender: Male
Occupation: industrialist
Area of activity: Business and Industry
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Born at Truro, Cornwall, 19 March 1893, son of Frederick Richard Pascoe. He married in 1936 Margaret Esson, daughter of Col. F.J. Scott, and had one son and one daughter. He was educated at Exeter School and St. John's College, Cambridge (B.A. Mechanical Sciences). He entered industry as an apprentice at the Leeds Forge. During World War I he served as an officer with the Durham County Light Infantry in Europe and afterwards with the Indian Signal Service. He became one of Britain's leading industrialists between the two world wars, and afterwards. He first came into public notice as secretary of the Electric and Railway Finance Corporation, 1926-30, and shortly afterwards formed a connection with Wales and Welsh industry which was maintained until his death. He was affectionately described as the Cornish man with sufficient Celtic blood to give him an affinity with Wales and especially the south Wales valleys. In 1930 he became a director of British Timken, Ltd., and chairman and managing director from 1940 until 1959 when he became chairman of British Timken Division of the Timken, Roller Bearing Company, an organisation he had built up into a major industrial force of 7,000 workers from a few hundred employees. Among its subsidiaries was Aberdare Holdings (which also included Aberdare Cables, Ltd., Aberdare Engineering, Ltd., and South Wales Switchgear) which Sir John founded in 1955 and which brought up to 4,000 jobs to a depressed area of south Wales. A forthright Conservative he was chairman of the Kettering Conservative and Unionist Association, 1948-53, and a Freeman of the City of London; he held membership of the National Council of Aims of Industry, and of the Regional Advisory Council for the Organisation of Further Education in the East Midlands, and was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers, and the Fishmongers' Company. He was knighted in 1957 and died 5 February 1963.

Author

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