

Samuel Radcliffe PLATT

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PLATT, Samuel Radcliffe

(1845-1902)

Textile machinery maker



S R Platt ca 1885 (courtesy of the Local Studies Library Oldham).

Samuel Radcliffe Platt was born at Greenhill, Oldham, on 1 July 1845, the second son of John Platt (qv) and his wife, Alice née Radcliffe (1822-1902). He was given a non-classical education at Cheltenham College (1856-59) and a technical education at the Friedrich Wilhelm Realschule, Berlin (1859-62).

Between 1862 and 1865 he worked his way through every department of the firm of Platt Bros, proving to be the only one of John Platt's seven sons with a decided mechanical bent in marked contrast to the eldest son, Henry. He became a partner in 1867, a director in 1868 and, on the unexpected death of his father in 1872, chairman at the age of twenty-six. Under his direction the impetus given by his father was maintained