

for an hour at a time to the marvellous events of history, and to show that they were not isolated, but were part of a great system of development.

In summing up the life of the first Judge of Rupert's Land, it is evident we are dealing with a man of great activity and capacity. He was perfectly at home in the Greek and Latin classics; he was a Hebrew scholar and well-acquainted with our own literature. He was well versed in law, and gave his opinions with fullness and decision. An active newspaper writer in his earlier days, he always maintained a lively interest in public affairs. It was his misfortune to be ousted between the two strong forces of a great trading company's interest, and the natural aspirations of a people after freedom. No doubt this wounded his proud spirit deeply, and prevented him from ever visiting the Red River again as he would have liked to have done. He was no trimmer; he was not even politic. He had strength of feeling and tenacity of purpose. Though somewhat difficult to work with, yet he was open and at heart kind and considerate. Passing away as he did on the 21st of February of this year (1890), in his eighty-eighth year, in a quiet old age, we may well drop a sympathetic tear to the memory of the honest old warrior.—*From the Records of the Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba (1890.)*

P.S.—In our former sketch of the life of this very able man, so inseparably connected with the early history of this country, we expressed a desire to obtain his portrait. We have, we are very glad to say, been able at last to do so, and have had the same reproduced for the benefit of the profession and the public. We can inform our readers that the likeness is a faithful one, chosen for that special reason, and is taken from an amateur photograph of Dr. Thom when "at ease" in his sitting room, and in his 72nd year.—*Western Law Times.*

OLD TIMES.

The following appeared in the *Fergus News-Record*, to which the late Mr. A. Dingwall Fordyce contributed articles on "Old time Incidents in Fergus," with allusions to various families and persons who lived there. Among them is the following reference to the late Mr. John Tullideph Thom:—

"An unexpected concurrence of circumstances has given me the opportunity of saying something of this family, beyond what was shown previously in connection with these *Old Times* incidents. They did not remain more than a few months in Fergus, but moved at once to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Thom died in less than a year, on 14th of July, 1849. They had returned to Canada on the husband and father's death. A son of a former marriage, whose mother, I believe, died in 1835 at Lockport, has now, I understand, an appointment in the Government dockyard in San Francisco. In connection with the foregoing statement a passing word is due to an elder brother of Mr. John T. Thom—the more especially as they were referred to as cousins of the late Hon. Adam Fergusson, a fact which no doubt had led the younger to contemplate establishing