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Recorder Adam Thom.

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. We take this opportunity of supplementing the particulars contained in our former notice. Adam Thom was born at Breechin, Forfarshire, on 31st of August, 1802, and was the second son (his elder brother Thomas dying in infancy) of Andrew Thom, of Leith, merchant, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Bisset, D. D. St. And., minister of Logierait, Perthshire, by a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Tullideph, D. D., Principal of the United Colleges of St. Salvador and St. Leonards, St. Andrews, 1739-1777, Moderator of the Kirk of Scotland in 1742, and one of His Majesty's chaplains 1761-1777. He married, first, a daughter of the Rev. George Bisset, A. M., Uday, Aberdeenshire, and sister of the late Rev. James Bisset, D. D., minister of Bourtie, Aberdeenshire, and Moderator of the Kirk of Scotland in 1862, by whom he had no issue; and, second, in 1839, Miss Anne Bluchford, by whom (who died 23rd of January, 1876) he had two children--Frances, who died in infancy, and Adam Bisset Thom, born 2nd of August, 1843, at Lower Fort Garry, Man., and now living at Galt, Ontario, unmarried. Adam Thom's younger brother, John, married, first, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Cant, Caithness; and second, Miss Amelia Gardner. John Thom died in Cleveland, Ohio. Of his two sisters, the elder, Frances, married her cousin, Alexander Bisset, of Leith, Scotland, ship-master, and died in 1825; the younger, Alison, married the late Hugh Cant, of Galt, and died in 1879.

The 21st day of February, 1890, is a date of exceptional significance, in the legal history of Western Canada. On that day, at the advanced age of eighty seven, in Torrington Square, London, died Adam Thom, LL. D., the first Recorder of Rupert's Land, and the father of the Bench and Bar of