

Biography:

The son of Alexander Robertson and Matilda Simons, **Thomas Robertson** attended London and Huron District grammar schools and the University of Toronto. He studied law under John Hillyard Cameron, became an attorney in 1849, and was called to the bar in 1852, thereafter practising in the Hamilton area. He was the first crown attorney of Wentworth County, stepping down in 1863, and was made queen's counsel in 1873. In 1874 he entered the Law Society of Ontario.

Robertson stood as Liberal candidate for Wentworth South in the 1867 federal election, but was defeated by Joseph Rymal by twenty-seven votes. He was elected in 1878, however, defeating, with Francis Edwin Kilvert, Aemilius Irving and Andrew Trew Wood, and he was re-elected in 1882. On 12 March 1887 he was sworn in as judge of the High Court of Ontario, Chancery Division. He retired in April 1904.

Robertson lived at the home his father had built, 'Foxbar,' on Governor's Road until 1878 when he moved to 95 Upper John Street (Arkledun Avenue), previously 'Rock Castle,' but renamed 'Rannoch Lodge,' after his ancestors' home in Scotland.

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