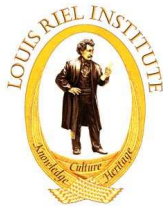


Thomas Bunn, M.L.A. (1830-1875)

Thomas Bunn was the first son of Dr. John Bunn and Catherine Thomas, both Metis. He was raised in the parish of St. Paul (Middlechurch) and educated at the Red River Academy. He married Isabella Clouston¹ in 1854 and Rachel Harriot² in 1859. He was a farmer throughout his life in the Red River Colony. Thomas and Isabel had two children, John (b. 1855) and Isabella (b. 1857). Thomas and Rachel had eight children; Edward (b. 1860), William (b. 1861), Flora Ann (b. 1862), Frances Victoria (b. 1864), Thomas (b. 1867), Margaret Victoria (b. 1868, d. 1971) Frances Jemima (b. 1870, d. 1870) and Thomas W. G. (b. 1875).

In 1868, Bunn was appointed to the Council of Assiniboia having previously served as clerk of the Council and the Quarterly Court of Assiniboia from 1865-1869. Bunn was made a delegate to the Council from St. Clements in 1869. He was a supporter of Riel and chaired the famous open-air meetings of January 1870 when Donald A. Smith spoke to the Red River population. Bunn then served on the committee arranging the elections to the Convention of Forty and he himself became one of the delegates to the Convention. He served as Secretary of State in the Provisional Government. In Manitoba's first election of December 1870, Bunn was elected as Member of the Legislative Assembly from St. Clements. Bunn was called to the bar in 1871 and was clerk for the first General Quarterly Court in May of 1871.



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¹ Isabel was the daughter of Robert Clouston and Nancy Sutherland, she died in 1874 at age 44.

² Rachel was the daughter of John Edward Harriot and Nancy Rowand.