

# ANDREW M'DERMOTT, PIONEER, IS DEAD

He Was One of the Few Remaining Links Between the Present and the Old Regime.

Another link between the past and present of this country has been severed by the death of Andrew McDermott, a well known and highly respected resident of St. Charles, whose death occurred yesterday morning at the family homestead. The deceased was the only surviving son of the late Andrew McDermott, who was a conspicuous figure in the fur trading days of Rupert's Land, and was one of the men who founded Winnipeg. Mr. McDermott was born in the Red River settlement in 1835. He received a capital college education, but being a man of a quiet and domestic disposition, he did not find the opportunities that opened to him in mercantile or professional fields congenial and after graduating took up the calling of an agriculturist, which he followed actively until a few years ago, when the competence he had earned by his diligent labors and the increased value of his large farm, situated close to the city, enabled him to retire and spend his declining days in ease, surrounded by his relatives and the comrades of the old days with whom he shared the vicissitudes incident to the country when it was still known as the "great lone land." His big farm, four miles long and one and a half miles wide, was located just west of the city. He was a great breeder of horses and twenty years ago had one of the largest herds in the country.

Mr. McDermott's figure was familiar in Winnipeg. He visited the city almost daily, and his bearing and dress, savouring as it did of the Hudson's Bay regime, attracted attention. A man of few words, he was nevertheless an interesting companion and could converse interestingly of events that occurred here since his early boyhood. He is survived by two children, A. T. McDermott and Mrs. S. J. Fowler, who live at St. Charles; and by two sisters, Mrs. Lilly, of Lockport, and Mrs. Tolliesfer, whose home is in Saskatchewan.

Mr. McDermott was a staunch Anglican and was one of the principal movers in the erection of St. Andrew's church on the Red river near Lockport. The church was in fact named after St. Andrew as a tribute to Andrew McDermott.

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