Thomas Skinner was appointed a member of the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company 29 July 1890 to take Sir Charles Russell's place. He became Deputy Governor in 1910 in succession to the Earl of Lichfield. He was created a Baronet on 9 Feb. 1912. On the death of Lord Strathcona in 1914, he became Governor and remained in that post until his retirement. (Letter of resignation to R.M. Kindersley, 19 Sept. 1915, A.1/201 fo.214

He lived on Pont Street, Chelsea, and was a J.P. of Middlesex, a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Bank of Montreal, and the Commercial Cable Company; Founder and editor of the Stock Exchange Year Book, the Directory of Directors, etc.

Father: James Skinner of Bristol

Wife (1): m. 17 March 1866, Sara Margaret (d. 6 Feb. 1902) daughter of Jonas Barnett Hewitt

Ernest (1880-1919) John (1882-1939) Charles Henry (1886-)

Wife (2): m. 26 May 1903, Martha Loretta (d. 31 Jan. 1924), widow of Charles James Williamson, of New York, and daughter of Job Long (Burke's Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage, 1963)