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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of January 2003**

**THE THOMSON CORPORATION**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Suite 2706, Toronto Dominion Bank Tower  
P.O. Box 24, 66 Wellington St. West  
Toronto-Dominion Centre  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5K 1A1, Canada**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes

No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-.

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Information furnished on this form:

Press Release dated January 23, 2003 of The Thomson Corporation entitled "John M. Thompson Joins Board of The Thomson Corporation".

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**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained in Exhibit number 1 constitute forward-looking statements, which are based on the Corporation's current expectations and assumptions, and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, general business and economic conditions and competitive actions.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**THE THOMSON CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: January 24, 2003

/s/ PAULA R. MONAGHAN

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Assistant Secretary

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