



#### "FOREWORD"

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes, and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories".

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.

Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir, for whom this book is named, lived in Canada from 1935 to 1940 when Lord Tweedsmuir was Governor General of Canada. Lord Tweedsmuir, as John Buchan, is well known as the author of many adventure novels and historical and biographical studies. Lady Tweedsmuir too has written books and articles. Keenly interested in wild life and flowers, they travelled widely in Canada and came to know each province well. They took a keen interest in our way of life, our history and politics and Lady Tweedsmuir's deep concern for the women of the drought-stricken prairies expressed itself in the form of the Lady Tweedsmuir Prairie Library Scheme through which used books were collected and sent from Government House to the prairies. Lady Tweedsmuir had been a Women's Institute member before coming to Canada and much enjoyed attending meetings here.