



From left, Mrs. Norman Coulthard, Miss Lily Dempsey, Mrs. R. C. Walker, Curator, Provincial Tweedsmuir History Books, and Mrs. Wilker.

SUSAN, LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Lady Tweedsmuir is the widow of the late Lord Tweedsmuir who was Governor General of Canada from 1935 until his death in 1940. She lives in England and has always been an enthusiastic Women's Institute member.

When attending an Institute meeting in Leeds County in 1936, she suggested the Women's Institutes should compile the history of their respective communities. In due time, the project was advanced and sponsored by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, and the histories named in her honour. Now in 1973 there are over 1300 of these outstanding histories being compiled throughout this Province.

Let us have our LOCAL COMMUNITY fully recorded in our Tweedsmuir History as a tribute to this wonderful Lady and as a fitting memorial to our community as we become involved in Regional Government.

As the following letter from Lady Tweedsmuir states, she is most interested in our endeavours and wishes us further advancement in this worthwhile work.

Hester M. Walker
March, 1973

Quote:

Friday, January 19, 1973

"Dear Mrs. Walker,

I have been reading with so much interest your report of the Tweedsmuir Histories — Christmas and flu have slowed up my answering of letters, but not my interest in your work.

I am so glad that so much is being done by you in the way of the Tweedsmuir History workshops, and the scheme of doing "House Logs" seems to me an interesting one.

I hope that all old material is being carefully collected and put in fireproof safes or filing cabinets. So many papers have been destroyed by fire or flood in this country sadly enough.

I do want to send you my very best wishes for 1973, and my hopes that the work you are doing will flourish, and that all our fellow W.I. members will realize the historical value of our work.

Yours very sincerely,
Susan Tweedsmuir