

LORD TWEEDSMUIR

John Buchan was born in Scotland in 1875 and was educated at the Universities of Glasgow and Oxford. He was a novelist, historian and statesman, and the first Commoner ever appointed Governor-General of Canada.

He entered Parliament in 1927 as representative of the Scottish Universities, holding that position until 1935, when he was appointed to the Canadian Post, and was created the 1st Baron of Tweedsmuir, by King George V.

LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Lady Tweedsmuir, who was Susan Charlotte Grosvenor, prior to her marriage, was a grand-daughter of Lord Ebury.

While serving with her husband in Canada, she took a special interest in the provision of libraries of our rural areas, and also encouraged Womens Institutes to compile and publish their local histories. Lady Tweedsmuir wrote several novels.

In his book "Memory-Hold-the-Door", John Buchan tells of his marriage in the following words- "in the autumn of 1906, my unsettled years came happily to an end, for I became engaged to Susan Grosvenor, and we were married the following July. I had no longer any craving for a solitary life at some extremity of the Empire, for England was once more for me an enchanted land, and London a magical city. I think that in spite of my many friends and interests, I had been suffering from loneliness, since my family were four hundred miles away. Now, I acquired a vast new relationship--Grosvenors, Wellesleys, Stuart-Wortleys, Lyttetons, Talbots--and above all, I found the perfect comrade. I have been happy in many things, but all my good fortune has been as dust in the balance, compared with the blessing of an incomparable wife".

Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir's family consisted of three sons and one daughter--Hon. John, Hon. William, Hon. Alastair, and Hon. Mrs. Fairfax, Lucy.

Lord Tweedsmuir passed away in 1940, while still serving as Governor-General of Canada.