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LORD TWEEDSMUIR

John Buchanan was the first child born to Rev. John Buchanan, a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, and his wife (Helen Masterson). He was born at Perth, Scotland on August 26, 1875. The family lived later at Pathfield and Glasgow. When he was 17 years old, he entered the University of Glasgow. He contributed to the University magazines and had articles and stories published by Blackwoods and McMillans. In 1895, he entered Brasenose College, Oxford. While here, he won prizes for essays and verse. He also worked out a pattern of living, which he followed as closely as possible the rest of his life. He rose early, went for a walk, had breakfast and worked until dinner. This gave him six hours for writing every day.

He was called to the Bar at Middle Temple, London in 1901. In the same year he became private secretary to Lord Wilmer, then High Commissioner for South Africa.

In 1903, he returned to England and became a member of the firm of Thos. Nelson & Son Publishing firm.

During World War I, he served on staff at British headquarters. In 1917, he became director of information under Lloyd George.

He was a Member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities 1927-1933, when he was appointed Governor-General of Canada and raised to the peerage taking the title of Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield. During his term of office, he visited all parts of Canada including the Far North. He continued his writing and many books were published. He died at Montreal, February 11, 1940.

He was an able and beloved man and a good administrator. His library consisting of 5000 pieces was donated to Queen's University at Kingston

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