

LORD TWEEDSMUIR

Lord Tweedmuir was born John Buchan, in Scotland on August 25, 1875 the son of Rev. John Buchan.

He was a Historian, Novelist and the Governor-General of Canada from 1935 to 1940.

He was called to the Bar in 1901.

From 1927 to 1935 he was a member of the British House of Commons for the Scottish Universities. In 1935 he was titled "Baron Tweedsmuir". He was the author of a number of biographies and historical works.

"Memory hold the Door" was his autobiography and one of his latest works. He was the first Lord Tweedsmuir and he died in Montreal on February 11, 1940.

His library was bequeathed to Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario.

"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.



LADY TWEEDSMUIR: Susan, the wife of our beloved Governor General, has written many plays, children's books and reminiscences. She was an ardent Women's Institute member in England, and was made an Honorary Life Member of F. W. I. O. She advocated that our organization across Canada compile the histories of our Institutes, local communities and villages.