



"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 Tweedsmuir of Elsfield (1875-1940)

As John Euchar, he was internationally famous for his writings which included fiction, biography, and history. Born in Scotland, he had a distinguished career in Parliament and served on Lord Milners staff in South Africa and was on the headquarters staff in France during World War I. Lord Tweedsmuir died near the end of his term as Governor General and was sincerely mourned by all the nation.