

LORD AND LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Lord Tweedsmuir was born John Buchan, August 25, 1875, son of Rev. John Buchan. From 1927-1935 he was a member of the British House of Commons for Scottish Universities. In 1935 he was given the title "Baron Tweedsmuir." Also in 1935 he was appointed to be Governor-General of Canada.

He was a great writer, his work including historical works, biographies and novels. Some of his best known novels were "The 39 Steps", "Salute to Adventures", "The Three Hostages". His own autobiography, "Memory Hold the Door", was one of his latest. He died in Montreal on February 11, 1940. His huge library was bequeathed to Queen's University at Kingston.

Susan, Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the Governor-General, has written many plays, children's books and reminiscences. She was an ardent W. I. member in England and was made an Honorary Life Member of the F. W. I. C.

As she and Lord Tweedsmuir travelled back and forth across Canada she realized how much history of interest and importance was being forgotten because no records were kept of much of it, and what a wonderful opportunity there was for some group to undertake to make records. But what group could it best be entrusted to? She selected the W. I. and they accepted the challenge. In 1940 the first rules were drawn up for the book. In 1947 the F. W. I. C. took it up ^{as} a Federal Project. In 1954 there was such a heavy demand for more information on how to obtain the desired information that the Department sent out suggestions and in 1957 made these into a Short Course under the Home Economics Branch in the form of Tweedsmuir Workshop.

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