

## THE TWEEDSMUIRS

Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada from 1935 till his death in 1940, was born John Buchan, in Peebleshire, Scotland, in 1875. The son of a Free Church Minister in the Border Country, he was educated with the aid of bursaries at Glasgow and Oxford Universities. He studied law and was admitted to the English Bar of the Middle Temple in 1901.

His main career was that of scholar, journalist and author. He joined the publishing firm of Thomas Nelson & Son, and was made a director of Reuters News Agency. During his life he wrote more than sixty books--history, biography, fiction and verse.

Entering Parliament, he was Member of the British House of Commons from 1927 to 1935 for Scottish Universities.

In 1935 he was created Baron Tweedsmuir and Governor General of Canada. As Governor General, his intelligence, curiosity, human warmth and sympathy, made him one of the most popular men ever to hold the office.

He died at the age of 65, of a brain tumor, in 1940.

Among his works of history and biography were: Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Walter Scott, Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, Oliver Cromwell, The Massacre of Glencoe.

Of his fiction, some were: The Thirty-nine Steps, Green Mantle, Salute to Adventurers, The Three Hostages and many others.

Lady Tweedsmuir, Susan Charlotte Grosvenor, is author of many plays, children's books and reminiscences.

An enthusiastic member of the Women's Institute in Britain, she was made Honorary Life Member of the F.W.I.O.

While in Canada, she suggested that the Women's Institutes compile the histories of local communities and villages across Canada.

Lady Tweedsmuir gave three silver trophies to be offered annually, one for the best Tweedsmuir History, one for handicraft, and one for a literary effort such as an essay, poem etc. These categories to be defined annually.

At her husband's death, Lady Tweedsmuir returned to England.