

LORD and LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Lord Tweedsmuir was born John Buchan in Scotland, August 25th, 1875, the son of the Reverend John Buchan.

He was a Historian and a novelist.

He was 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 Scottish Universities.

In 1935 he was titled "Baron Tweedsmuir".

He was the author of a number of biographies and historical works:

Sir Walter Raleigh;	Sir Walter Scott;
Julius Caesar;	Oliver Cromwell;
The Massacre of Glencoe;	The King's Grace, etc.

Some of his novels were:   The 39 Steps;  
                                  Salute to Adventurers;  
                                  The Three Hostages, etc.

"Memory Hold the Door" was his autobiography and one of his latest works.

John Buchan, the first Lord Tweedsmuir, died in Montreal on February 11th, 1940. His library was bequeathed to Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario.

Lady Tweedsmuir: Susan, wife of our beloved Governor-General.

She wrote many plays, children's books and reminiscences.

She was an ardent W.I. member in England, and was made an Honorary Life Member of F.W.I.O.

She advocated that our W.I. organization across Canada compile the histories of our local communities and villages.

She returned to England following the death of her husband, and is still residing there, still interested in W.I. work. (1968)

Lord J. Tweedsmuir: While the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment was in their final training in Scotland Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir's son, Major Lord John Tweedsmuir, was named second-in-command. Early in the Italian campaign Colonel Sutcliffe, O.C., was killed and Lord Tweedsmuir was made Officer Commanding with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. (He became Colonel later) Late in July, 1943, Colonel Tweedsmuir was seriously wounded, but was able to return to action with the Regiment on Sept. 27, 1943. That same year, in November he contracted malaria. Since World War Two he has come to Canada at least twice to attend reunions of the "Hasty-Pees." He was very popular with the men.

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