

LADY TWEEDSMUIR

The officers and men of The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment have learned of the death of Lady Tweedsmuir of Belhelvie, prominent British politician and wife the The Lord Tweedsmuir of the Hasty P's.

Lady Tweedsmuir was born on Jan. 25, 1915, the daughter of the late Brigadier Alan F. Thomson, DSO. She was educated at various schools in England, Germany and France. In 1945, she entered politics and was elected to Parliament. In the years since, she had held a number of important government posts, including British delegate to the Council of Europe (1950-53), delegate to the United Nations General Assembly (1960-61), and Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (appointed in 1972). Lady Tweedsmuir was also

prominent in commerce and was a member of the Committee for Exports to Canada.

Quinte residents will remember her in association with her husband, The Lord Tweedsmuir, OBE, CD, 2nd Baron of Elsfield. As Lieutenant-Colonel The Lord Tweedsmuir, he commanded The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment during the Italian campaign and has maintained an active

association with the unit in the years since the war. He was Honorary Colonel of the Regiment from 1955 to 1960.

Lady Susan Tweedsmuir

Lady Tweedsmuir, widow of Lord Tweedsmuir, late Canadian Governor General, died March 24 at her Oxfordshire home in England at the age of 94.

She was responsible for introducing the idea of gathering historical community data and compiling the information into book form. Because of her encouragement Women's Institute members in Ontario compiled Tweedsmuir History books at branch, district, area and provincial level.

Lady Tweedsmuir was generous enough to write the foreword which appears in all Tweedsmuir History books. Today, Tweedsmuir Histories in Ontario are considered authentic historical data and recognized by the Ministry of Education as a true source of information for students.

Completed Ontario Tweedsmuir Histories are on microfilm at the Ontario Archives. These valuable books are certainly not only in Ontario but in all provinces. National Tweedsmuir History competitions have been held at FWIC Conventions over the years. Statistics show over 1300 branches in Ontario have local histories ranging from a single volume to as high as nine volumes.

Women's Institutes are grateful to the foresight of Lady Tweedsmuir and the support given to encourage branch members to record histories of local communities that otherwise would have been forever lost.



"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.