



“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 and Lady Tweedsmuir

John Buchan was born at Perth, Scotland, Aug. 26, 1875, married in 1907. He and his wife Susan Charlotte were both writers of note. Lady Tweedsmuir's literary work appeared frequently over the name Susan Buchan. It has been said "It is not blood that flows in the veins of the Tweedsmuir's - it is ink". In 1935, John Buchan, Lord Tweedsmuir was appointed Governor-General of Canada. The Tweedsmuir's were Host and Hostess to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on their visit to Canada in 1939. While resident in Rideau Hall, Ottawa, Lady Tweedsmuir supervised the classification and distribution of thousands of books contributed by friends for people in distant parts of the country. The Tweedsmuir's' term of office would have expired in November 1940. On the evening of Feb. 11, 1940, the people of Canada heard, over the radio, the sad news that their beloved Governor-General had died in Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal following an operation necessitated by a head injury caused by a fall.

The above was gleaned from Cowan's "Canada's Governor-General" Orillia Public Library. (I. M. Campbell, 1958)