

"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

Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchanan), the son of Reverend John Buchanan, was born in Scotland on August 25th, 1875. He was called to the Bar in 1901 and from 1927 to 1935, he was a member of British House of Commons for Scottish Universities. In 1935 he was titled "Baron Tweedsmuir" and from 1935 to 1940 was Governor General of Canada. He was 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.

"Memory Hold The Door" was his autobiography and one of his latest works. John Buchanan, the first Lord Tweedsmuir, died in Montreal on February 11th, 1940. His library was bequeathed to Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

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

She advocated that our Organization, across Canada, compile the histories of our Local communities and villages. Lady Tweedsmuir returned to England following the death of her husband.

