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LORD and LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Lady Tweedsmuir, the former Susan Charlotte Grosvenor, was the daughter of the late Honourable Norman Grosvenor and is a descendant from a sister of the Duke of Wellington. Her Excellency was closely identified with and keenly interested in the Woman's Institute movement in England. She was a president of Elsfield W.I. and occupied the position of County President of Oxfordshire Federation previous to Lord Tweedsmuir's appointment as His Majesty's Representative to Canada. She was Honourary President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. In one of her addresses she warned institute members of the dangers of superficiality and over-organization which is a danger of modern life which seems to be apt to our age as well. She said that we do so many things there is a danger of getting a smattering of everything. "Avoid the stupidity of quarreling among ourselves, red tape, and the making of too many rules. I think we have a great future. We are a steady influence because we have our roots in the past, our minds and hands working in the present and our eyes looking clearly into the future." Her Excellency was a possessor of no mean literary talent and many of her publications which include plays, children's books, and reminiscences, will be read with interest by W.I. members. Lady Tweedsmuir took a special interest in the provision of libraries for rural areas of Canada and she encouraged Women's Institutes to compile and publish histories of local communities and villages. This vast collection of local histories will serve as a memorial to both Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir. Following the death of her husband she returned to England.

John Buchan was born August 26, 1875 in Perth, Scotland, the son of Rev. and Mrs. John Buchan. He was educated at Glasgow and Oxford Universities and in 1901 was called to the bar. For many years John Buchan was a partner and adviser to the publishing house of Thomas Nelson and Sons. From 1927 to 1935 he was a member of the British House of Commons for the Scottish Universities. In 1935, John Buchan was commissioned to be Governor General of Canada. There was some surprise in granting the commission to a commoner as it had always been held by those of royal blood. But he was shortly afterwards made the first Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield and that settled that. As Governor General, he worked for Canadian unity and helped establish a national consciousness. Lord Tweedsmuir was a great traveller who visited all parts of Canada including the Far North. He took a keen interest in literary matters and the Governor General's Literary Awards were instituted with his co-operation. Despite his official duties he was able to continue his