

In 1907 Susan Charlotte, daughter of Hon. Norman Grosvenor married John Buchan. She was a writer of considerable charm and has written 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 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 (1962).

On Aug. 25, 1875, John Buchan, later to become Lord Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, was born. His childhood was spent on the border between England and Scotland where he imbibed that love of nature which was to express itself in his subsequent writings, and where his romantic imagination was fed by the legends and the ancient glories of the erstwhile debatable land. His father, Rev. John Masterton Buchan, was minister of the Free Church of Broughton Green, Scotland, a little pastorate in a country whose history teemed with theological tradition. Author, soldier, and administrator, Lord Tweedsmuir came to be recognized early in his career as one of those figures who leave upon an age the definite imprint of their work.

His first attraction was towards law and in 1901 he was admitted to the English bar. From 1927 to 1935 he was member of the British House of Commons for the Scottish Universities. In 1933 and again in 1934 John Buchan was appointed lord high commissioner to the Church of Scotland, one of the honors to which Scotsmen consider it worthy to aspire.

In 1935 he was appointed Governor-general of Canada which post he held until his death in 1940. Also in 1935 John Buchan was created the first Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield. When Lord Tweedsmuir came to Canada there was nothing too small or too unimportant to interest him; and chiefly he was interested in people. He travelled far and wide in Canada. He was interested in everything that came under his notice.

A full life in the civil, military, business and cultural service of the empire ended in Montreal Feb. 11, 1940, when John Buchan, Lord Tweedsmuir, Canada's governor-general, died after an illness of only five days. He had searched out every part of Canada to know it. His was a great reward - the love of the Canadian people.

No other governor-general in the Dominion's history ever saw so much of Canada as Lord Tweedsmuir, From the moment of his arrival in Quebec, in the November dusk of 1935, he became a thorough and patriotic Canadian, constructively interested in every phase of the National life. This interest led him to every section of the country, where he came to know not only political leaders but the men of the frontiers - miners, farmer lumberman, northland fliers, R.C.M.P. out posts.

Some of his novels were: The 39 Steps, Salute to Adventures, The Three Hostage, "Memory Hold the Door" was his autobiography and one of his latest works.