

"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 Tweedsmuir

Lady Tweedsmuir

Lord Tweedsmuir was Governor General of Canada from 1935-1940. He died in Montreal in 1940. His surname was John Buchan. His understanding and sympathetic interest in the Women's Institute was ever apparent. Canadian people have lost not only a wise Governor-General, but a man who won the true friendship of all. With the memories of the Lady Tweedsmuir we shall treasure too, those of the late Lord Tweedsmuir. To the Lady Tweedsmuir and her family we offer our deep sympathy in their bereavement.