

Lord Tweedsmuir

Lord Tweedsmuir was born John Buchan in Perth, Scotland, August 25, 1875, the son of Rev. John Buchan. His family moved to Glasgow in 1880 and there Buchan went to school. He attended Glasgow University and Brasenose College, Oxford. During this time he published five books, many articles and won several awards including the Newdigate Prize for poetry.

He was called to the Bar in 1901. Despite ill-health and continual pain from a duodenal ulcer, he played a prominent part in public life as a barrister and as a member of Parliament from 1927-1935, in addition to being a writer, soldier and publisher.

In 1907 he married Susan Grovenor. The marriage was supremely happy. They had one daughter and three sons. He was created Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield in 1935 and became the thirty-fifth Governor-General of Canada, a position he held until his death in Montreal, on February 11, 1940.

He was the author of a number of biographies and historical works, Sir Walter Raleigh, Julius Caesar, The Massacre of Glencoe, Sir Walter Scott, Oliver Cromwell, The King's Grace and others.

Some of his novels were - The 39 Steps, Salute to Adventures, The Three Hostages and there were many others.

"Memory, Hold the Door", was his autobiography and one of his last books.

When Lord Tweedsmuir died, in Montreal on February 11, 1940, his library was bequeathed to Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario.

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