

LORD AND LADY TWEEDSMUIR



Lord Tweedsmuir born John Buchan in Scotland, August 25th, 1875 the son of Rev. John Buchan Historian, novelist and Governal - General of Canada from 1935 to 1940. John Buchan, the first Lord Tweedsmuir died in Montreal on Feb. 11th, 1940. His Library was bequeathed to Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario.

Lady Tweedsmuir - Susan, wife of our beloved Governor-General, has written many plays, children's books and reminiscences. 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).

"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.