

At this particular stage of our national life, when Canada is at war, the loss of his advice and counsel will be keenly felt. His experience as a diplomatic official, as a civil servant and as a member of the British House of Commons, as well as his broad human sympathies and his knowledge of human nature, gave him a particular aptitude for the onerous duties of personal representative of His Majesty in Canada and his conduct of that high position has been a source of pride to all Canadians.

His support of and personal interest in all philanthropic, charitable or other good causes during his term of office was a source of great encouragement to those engaged in these splendid works.

Apart from his official life in Canada, His Excellency will live in history as John Buchan, the author, who through his historical work as well as his novels, brought much joy and pleasure to people in all parts of the world. I recall to-night my own reading of, and interest in his great historical works, such as *The King's Grace*, *Montrose* and *Cromwell*.

Among his lighter works, I would recall to your minds his *John McNab*, a delightful book, which I am informed, Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented to each member of the House of Commons.

To the Lady Tweedsmuir, to his daughter, and to his sons who have answered the call of duty and are serving in the Canadian army, I extend, on behalf of the party which I have the honour to lead, and indeed, on behalf of all Canadians, very deep and sincere sympathy.

3. MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING

I thank you for your kind telegram on the very sad occasion of the death of Lord Tweedsmuir while holding the office of my representative in Canada. I share the grief which I know will be felt throughout the Dominion whose welfare he had so much at heart and to whose service he devoted himself, in the face of ill health, with unflinching energy and courage.

Buckingham Palace,

GEORGE R.I.

February 12, 1940.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE EARL OF ATHLONE AS GOVERNOR GENERAL

It was announced on the 3rd of April, 1940, that the Earl of Athlone, K.G., had been appointed to succeed the late Lord Tweedsmuir as Governor General of Canada. His Excellency the new Governor General will be accompanied to Canada by Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone.