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John Buchan was one of my intimate friends in Pretoria from 1903 onwards. He was Secretary for Lands in the Transvaal under Crown Colony Government & I was Secretary and Inspector of Buyher land Settlement. Our two jobs dovetailed, we had offices practically adjoining & saw one another every day & always lunched together at the Pretoria Club. ~~On these jobs~~ we went on many trips together, more often perhaps to the Springbok Flats and the Northern Transvaal where there was much Crown land to settle. I remember so well going with him to the Letaba Valley & the wonderful spot we found where he said he would like to live & end his days (see page 126).

John was a most delightful companion, full of fun & anecdote, a first class sportsman & a great lover of wide open spaces.

He, with all his gifts and

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John Dore was one of my  
widest friends in London for 1902  
onwards. He was Secretary of the  
at the moment when I was Secretary  
of the Government & was Secretary  
of the London & North Western  
Railway & was Secretary of the  
London & North Western Railway.

Windsor, was one of the  
most unassuming fellows I have  
ever met, except perhaps  
another great pal, John Dove.

He left Putney in, I think, 1905 or 6  
to take up a literary career &  
of course, at once, made a name  
for himself. I never met him  
again, although he occasionally  
wrote to me Dad.