

V. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VISIT TO KINGSTON, ONTARIO
AUGUST 18, 1938

As well as briefly visiting his summer home at Campobello Island, President Roosevelt paid a second visit to Canada in 1938 when on August 18 he visited Kingston, as a guest of the Government of Canada, for the special Convocation of Queen's University when an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him. After lunching at the University, the President took part in the dedication ceremonies at the inauguration of the Thousand Islands Bridge at Ivy Lea. Prime Minister Mackenzie King was present at both the Convocation and the opening of the International Bridge.

When addressing the Convocation at Queen's University President Roosevelt said inter alia:

"The Dominion of Canada is part of the sisterhood of the British Empire. I give to you assurance that the people of the United States will not stand idly by if domination of Canadian soil is threatened by any other empire."

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