

to the position on the Pacific as well as on the Atlantic coasts. It was then agreed that, at some time in the future, meetings might be arranged between the staff officers of both countries to discuss problems of common defence.

On September 30th of that year, the President paid a visit to Victoria, B.C., crossing on a United States destroyer from Seattle. This visit led to arrangements for talks between staff officers regarding Pacific coast problems, which took place in Washington in January, 1938.

I think I may say that on every occasion I have visited the President in the United States, or on which I have met the President on his visits to Canada, matters pertaining to the defence of this continent have been a subject of conversation between us.

The defences on the Atlantic were referred to particularly in our conversations in August, 1938, in the course of the President's visit to Kingston, and the opening of the Thousand Islands Bridge at Ivy Lea. At that time, it will be recalled, the President made the open declaration that the people of the United States would not stand idly by if domination of Canadian soil were threatened by any other empire. To this declaration, I replied at Woodbridge, Ontario, two days later, that we too had our obligations as a good friendly neighbour.