

May I recall in this connection the words I used at the opening of the Thousand Islands Bridge on August 18th, 1938: "Our populations, after all," I said, in referring to Canada and the United States, "do not differ greatly from those of Europe. Indeed, the European countries have contributed most to their composition. Each of our countries has its problems of race and creed and class; each has its full measure of political controversy. Nevertheless we seem to have found the better way to secure and maintain our peace..... In the realm of international relations, we, too, have learned to bridge our differences. We have practised the art of building bridges.... In the art of international bridge-building there are two structures, each with its association with the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes, of which I should like to say just a word. They stand out as monuments of international co-operation and good-will. Each has its message for the world of today. The one is the Rush-Bagot Agreement of 1817; the other, the International Joint Commission created in 1909."

The Rush-Bagot Agreement is a self-denying ordinance of mutual disarmament. The International Joint Commission is an instrument for the peaceful adjustment of differences. The Permanent Joint Board