

II. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, JUNE 30-JULY 1, 1933

The second visit of a U.S. President to Canada was from June 30-July 1, 1933 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt accompanied by his three sons and four guests, and travelling on his yawl Amberjack II, had a two-day vacation at the Roosevelt summer home on Campobello Island, Passamaquoddy Bay, New Brunswick. As a boy, Mr. Roosevelt had spent most of his summers on the island where his father had built a summer place in the 1880's. The President's party totalling some 75 persons included four secretaries, six Secret Service men (on board the accompanying navy cruiser Indianapolis, the navy destroyers Bernadou and Ellis and the naval tender Cuyahoga) and eight newspapermen, eight photographers and two telegraph representatives (on board two following vessels). At the specific request of President Roosevelt, this two-day visit was considered as wholly informal and unofficial. While residents of Campobello Island arranged a regatta, a baseball game and a community dance for the occasion, the President attended none of the festivities although members of the visiting naval party enjoyed them. The only official notice which Ottawa took of the visit was to inform the Governor General who despatched a welcoming telegram to President Roosevelt; to arrange for customs clearances; to request all courtesies from the Immigration authorities; to provide a detachment of about 20 RCMP officers whose job was to deter the intrusion of unauthorized persons on the Roosevelt property on Campobello Island; and to have a federal Cabinet Minister informally welcome the President to Campobello Island. The President had noted earlier that he would be happy "to shake hands" on the wharf with "a representative of each of the three governments concerned - federal, provincial and municipal." The Premier of New Brunswick was on hand at the welcoming on the wharf and so was the Mayor of the island's only village.

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