

1. Welcome to the President

Mr. President,

It is with feelings of the highest satisfaction that I bid you welcome today on your first visit to Ottawa. It is in fact the first occasion upon which any President of the United States has visited the capital of Canada. All Canada is proud of the honour which you do us today in coming to speak, in the shadow of the Parliament Buildings, from this central shrine of our nation.

We welcome this visit from President Roosevelt as the fulfilment of a long-standing invitation, both from His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, and from myself on behalf of the people of Canada.

A We are especially proud to welcome President Roosevelt to Ottawa today because of his long and most friendly interest in our country. For many years Mr. Roosevelt, and other members of his family, were summer visitors to Campobello, New Brunswick. The President's first official visit to Canada, in July, 1936, was to the historic Citadel at Quebec where, during recent days, meetings of such tremendous import have been taking place with the Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Mr. Roosevelt paid a second official visit to Canadian soil in September, 1937, when he arrived by sea at Victoria. All of us gathered here today recall, with pride