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JUNE 18

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VERY DIFFICULT NOW TO CHANGE AUGUST SEVENTH DATE
BUT ALL CONCERNED WOULD TRY TO MAKE IT AUGUST
FIRST ON DEFINITE ASSURANCE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE
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HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD OF CANADA

Shediac, N.B., June 8, 1946.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

On receiving your letter, with the unexpected news that you expected to visit Campobello about July 20th, I at once communicated with Ottawa, asking if the date of the ceremony could possibly be changed from Aug. 7 to July 27th or 28th. As soon as I get a reply, I shall wire you. The chief trouble, as I explained before is the slowness of the Charlotte County stone-cutters, who are making the monument and are under contract to take the stones to Campobello, set up the monument, and attach the bronze tablet in time to allow for cleaning up. It is, also, planned to plan for suitable flower plots around the monument, but this may not be possible this season.

Your attendance will mean all the difference in the world to the ceremony. Our people always speak of you with affectionate regards, based mainly, I think, on your record as a wife and mother and on your great-hearted sympathy for struggling and suffering humanity. Your presence and your words would be deeply appreciated by our folk.

Sincerely,

Walter H. Sage
W. H. Sage

**Roosevelt
Memorial
Ceremony**

**CAMPOBELLO ISLAND
Province of New Brunswick**

August 1, 1946

**Historic Sites and Monuments Board
of Canada**

PROGRAMME

Dr. J. C. Webster, C. M. G., Chairman

Invocation—Reverend J. J. Alexander

Introductory Remarks by Chairman

Message from the President of the United States of America

Unveiling of the Monument by the Honourable D. L. MacLaren, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick

Address—Honourable J. Allison Glen, Minister of Mines and Resources

Address — Honourable J. B. McNair, Premier of New Brunswick

Address—J. F. Calder, Esquire, President of the Campobello Board of Trade

Address—Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Music—"God Save the King" and "Star Spangled Banner"

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Shediac, N.B., May 22, 1946.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

I have just returned from Ottawa. There I discussed the procedure of the Campobello ceremony. I am now in complete charge of all preparations. All regret that you are not to be present, but hope that a member of your family may be able to attend. As Chairman of the ceremony, I should esteem it a great favor to read a letter from you on the occasion.

I may say that Mr. King hopes to be present and speak for Canada. Our Lieutenant-Governor will unveil the monument, which will be draped with the American and Canadian flags. Our Premier will speak for the province and John Calder for Campobello. If your son should be present he will be expected to speak. All speeches must be short, because the crowds will be standing.

A Canadian destroyer will call at St. Andrews to take the official guests to the island before the ceremony and take them back. The rendezvous at St. Andrews will be the Algonquin Hotel. A U.S.A. destroyer has been invited by our Government to attend the ceremony. It is greatly to be hoped that she may come, so that a Guard of Honor formed of Marines from both vessels may be formed.

owing to the very limited size of the square in front of the Public Library, the masses who will attend will not be able to hear the speeches. Consequently loud speakers will be placed at various points. Our Broadcasting Corporation intend to function at the ceremony.

We intend to have an adequate policing system to prevent unnecessary trouble from over-crowding.

I enclose a photo of the bronze tablet which will be on the monument & trust that it meets with your approval.

The monument is of granite
Charlotte County, Virginia.

The date is now definitely fixed
as August 7th.

Yours sincerely,

Historic Sites

Dr. J. C. Webster, C.M.G., Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, invites you to attend the ceremony in connection with the unveiling of a monument to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, at Welshpool, Campobello Island, New Brunswick, at 3.30 P.M., on Thursday, August 1st, 1946.

H.M.C.S. "Micmac" will take the official party from St. Andrews-by-the-Sea to Welshpool, leaving St. Andrews at 1.30 P. M., and returning there after the ceremony.

Please show the enclosed card when boarding the motor boat which will convey guests from the wharf to H.M.C.S. "Micmac".

R.S.V.P. to Dr. J. C. Webster, C.M.G., Shediac, N. B.

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Shediac, N.B., July 4, 1946.

Thank you Robert
Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

As I am in charge of the preparations for the ceremony at Campobello on Aug. 1st, I receive many letters from people asking information. A very large percentage ask if you are to attend the ceremony and speak. It is a source of great gratification to me to be able to answer in the affirmative.

Owing to the fact that there will be a large attendance of people who will be on their feet for hours, we hope to feature conciseness in the programme.

As now planned, The Rev. Mr. Alexander (of Moncton, but born on Campobello) will open the proceedings with a short invocation. Mr. King will speak for Canada, Premier McNair for New Brunswick, John Calder for Campobello, and Mrs. Roosevelt for her family and country.

The monument will be draped with the U.S.A. flag & the Union Jack and will be unveiled by our Lieutenant-Governor, who will read the inscription.

I sent you a copy of the latter. You will note that I stressed the personal characteristics of your husband, his neighborliness, friendliness and democratic simplicity, for these were the dominant features which so greatly endeared him to the people of Campobello. The inscription was approved by the entire Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

I am rather proud of the fact that this Memorial, the first to be erected by any country outside the United States, should give emphasis to the personal characteristics of the late President.

I hear that you are to open your house on the island and that some members of your family shall be with you. This is good news, though, I fear, this procedure may involve you some considerable trouble.

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I have arranged that our N.B. Police force (Red-coated Mounties) will provide an escort for you when you drive to the ceremony.

I shall be glad to know, later, just how many will be in your party, so that I may be able to reserve places for them.

We expect a destroyer from the U.S.A. as well as one of our own. They will provide a Guard-of-Honor around the monument, 100 strong. This should make an impressive ensemble.

I propose to close the ceremony with a simple benediction by Mr. Alexander.

We cannot get a good band to play the National anthems of our countries, and the people will be scattered over such a wide area that singing in unison will be out of the question.

I am uncertain as to the time of my arrival in Campobello, as I must attend to so many things and see that my helpers are functioning properly.

Our mainland special guests will be transported to the Island on our destroyer, by courtesy of the Government. I may be able to go to the Island in the morning, and, thus, may be able to pay my respects to you before the ceremony.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

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Shediac, N.B., July 16, 1946.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

Welcome back to Campobello! I am sure that the people of the island are rejoicing!

Mr. King writes expressing his great regret at being compelled to cancel his engagement with us on account of the necessity of attending the Paris conference. We will send a member of the cabinet as his representative.

It will be a pleasure to welcome your son and his family. Seats will be reserved for them.

The Broadcasting people are now fussing over the programme, which they insist must be put through with meticulous timing. I presume that we must obey their wish. They want to know the exact time of the remarks of each speaker. I shall, therefore, be glad to hear from you on this point when it is convenient. Frankly, I dislike being reduced to mechanics on such an occasion, but it is evidently .

Did I send you a copy of the invitation sent out by Ottawa, if not, I enclose one. You will note that the official party will be conveyed from St. Andrews in one of our destroyers. I believe I told you that a U.S.A. destroyer is expected at Welshpool & will contribute 50 bluejackets to join the same number from our "Micmac", to form a Guard of Honour of 100 ratings. This should make an impressive contribution to the ceremony .

If I can finish all preparations in time, I hope to be able to go to Welshpool in the morning to pay my respects to you and to call on the Commander of the destroyer.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Am schedule is according to Daylight Saving Time.

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HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD OF CANADA

Shediac, N.B., July 28, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

As our great day approaches, I send you a final word of greeting! On account of island isolation, poor transportation, &c., &c., the preparations for the Ceremony have been many and varied. Thanks to the abundance of efficient and sympathetic helpers our difficulties have been overcome.

One of our main problems has been to accommodate comfortably the large number of special guests invited in the limited space near the monument. May I now refer to this in some detail!

I have asked Mrs. MacLaren, the wife of the Lieut.-Governor, to sit with your daughter-in-law and her children, the wife of the U.S.A. Ambassador and other ladies in seats provided near the speakers' platform. We would like your son to sit with you in the front row of chairs on the platform, where the seats will be indicated.

When your cars arrive at the ground, under R.C.M.P. escort, Mr. W.D. Cromarty, Secretary of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board will meet and escort you and your family to the seats.

Since I wrote to you the program has been slightly altered. Last week, I received a most friendly letter from President Truman, which he has asked me to read. This I shall do immediately after the Invocation.

Some friends have criticised my arrangement of the program. They cannot understand why you should be placed at the end and not at the beginning.

I have had to point out that my plan is the only logical one. Canada, New Brunswick and Campobello present their tributes to Mrs. Roosevelt. Then she replies for her family and for the U.S.A. What other plan could be substituted?

I have felt right along that you would understand and approve.

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I have felt that your words should close the ceremony and thus remain in our hearts and minds.

For this reason I have not asked Mr. Atherton to speak. We should all have been delighted to hear him, but could not place him so as to fit him appropriately into the plan of the program.

It is my purpose to preserve a complete record of the proceedings, in the N.B. Museum, addresses, pictures, voice records, &c. May I request that you will sign your address and give it to me at the platform after delivery?

And, now, in closing, may I again thank you for your gracious act in coming to us. I wish I could impress on you the feelings of our people toward you. Most of us have never met you nor have even come into close contact with you, but we think and speak of you as if you were one of ourselves, almost as if you were a personal friend. I can recall no other example of such a relationship, in recent times, except the case of your late husband.

Thank God for the great examples set by both of you!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. C. Webster', written in a cursive style.

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