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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT

HIGHLANDS, NEW YORK

November 7, 1932.

My neighbors, here we are back almost in sight of my house. You know, we can very nearly see the Highlands except for the trees from our front porch across the River.

I am very glad to come back here; it is not the first time and it won't be the last time. Things are going awfully well. I was very much surprised and made very happy a couple of years ago by what Ulster County did then and I think we will do it this year. (Applause)

When I first started coming to Highlands, I was about eleven years old and I had got my first shotgun. We used to row across the River from Hyde Park and go after quail. In those days we used to work down through the back country down to Highlands. So you see, I go back about 40 years.

The place has grown a great deal since then and, with our new bridge, I know we have a very great future ahead for this particular community. I have been very happy to have had a part in getting the legislation to build our bridge. It is going to be an even greater factor in the development of this part of the country in the future than it has in the past.

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It is nice to see you all and I hope to be back here very often, no matter what happens tomorrow, and you can rest assured that I am going to continue to be your neighbor. (Applause)