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[Campobello Island, New Brunswick]

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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO
CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, NEW BRUNSWICK
June 29, 1933

I think that I can only address you as my old friends of Campobello -- old and new. I was figuring this morning on the passage of time and I remembered that I was brought here because I was teething forty-nine years ago. I have been coming for many months almost every year until about twelve years ago when there has been a gap.

It seems to me that memory is a very wonderful thing because this morning, when we came out of the fog at West Quoddy Head, the boys who were aboard said, "There is Land All (?) Head", and I started ahead full speed because I knew it was Lubec Narrows. That was one of the things I learned up here, one of the things I learned, for instance, from Ed Lank, one of the things I learned from John Calder, and old Captain Mitchell who, by the way, gave me a few minutes ago a very delightful photograph of my Father's first old boat away back in the early nineties. I am mighty glad to have it.

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I learned from John Calley, and old Captain Mitchell etc.
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photograph of my father's first old post card back in the
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Narrows and saw the line of fishing boats and the people on the wharves, both here at Welch Pool and also in Eastport, that this reception here is probably the finest example of friendship between nations -- permanent friendship between nations -- that we can possibly have. (Applause)

I was glad that I had with me the American Delegate to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva, Mr. Norman Davis, because he will go back to Geneva and will be able to tell them that he has seen with his own eyes what a border-line without fortifications means between two great nations. (Applause)

I am very happy to have had this very wonderful reception, all of this kindness from the Governor of the Province of New Brunswick and also from the Dominion Governor, and especially a very delightful telegram of welcome from the Governor General of Canada, the representative of His Majesty, the King. (Applause)

I have had a very wonderful couple of hours and I am going to have a very wonderful two days before I have to leave. (Applause)

I hope and am very confident that if peace continues in this world and that if the other nations of the

world follow the very good example of the United States and Canada, I will be able to come back here for a holiday during the next three years. (Applause - prolonged)