Although a man is considered to be passing his prime when he reaches the age of fifty years, a nation that has arrived at the half-century mark is looked upon as a mere infant among the powers. On July 1st, 1917, the Dominion of Canada 1st, 1917, the Dominion of Canada-completes the first half century of its life, and the record of the coun-try has justified the men who fore-saw that the formation of the fed-eration of Provinces would lift Can-ada to the dignity of nationhood. The British Empire is the most unique experiment in imperialism that the world has ever seen. It consists, not of a central power, nursing and developing colonies so it may reap a profit through ultimate exploitation. That was the old imperialisation. exploitation. That was the old imperial idea. With the British it has been otherwise. The empire consists of a number of self-governing nations, each one free to make or break its own destiny, and bound to the Motherland with the strong ties that come from common ideals, that come from common ideals, common language, and common laws. They are also held together by the belief that it is for the good of the world that a highly civilized empire of free nations, grouped round the land from which they came, should exert its influence for freedom in all parts of the globe.

Canada was the first of the over-seas dominions to mature into a naseas dominions to mature into a nation. British America, before 1867, had been a loose series of small colonies scattered across the continent, the Provinces and Territories having come into the Empire at different times and under different circumstances. The Province of Nova Scotia, first colonized by the French in 1598, was taken by the British in 1629, restored to France in 1632, and again ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. Cape Breton, now a part of Nova Scotia, was not finally taken over by the English until 1758, and formed a separate colony until formed a separate colony until 1820. A portion of New Brunswick was ceded to Great Britain by the French in 1712, but the Province did not become wholly British until after the fall of Quebec. It was at one time part of Nova Scotia but became a separate province in 1874. Prince Edward Island was first settled by the French. It became annexed to Nova Scotia in 1713, but rose to the dignity of a separate province in 1769. Ontario and Quebec are the two largest Provinces, the original old Canada. Quebec was founded by the French in 1608, and the city fell to the British in 1759, being formally ceded to our Empire in 1763. In 1791 an Imperial Act was passed dividwick was ceded to Great Britain by an Imperial Act was passed dividing Canada into two Provinces, Upper and Lower Canada, with a separate constitution for each. These two Provinces were again united in old enough to have a little individ-841, but at the time of the Union hey were divided. Upper Canada becoming Ontario and Lower Canada taking the historic name of uebec. The Eastern Colonies, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, were the original Provinces to enter confederation in 1837.

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