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produced overnight, but the result  
of a long period of political growth  
and development which goes back more  
than 100 years;

The story of the struggle which had its dramatic  
climax in the events of this year  
(Coronation and I.C.) is an epic of  
high ideals and heroic endeavour, of  
mistakes and misjudgments, of successes  
and failures - crowned by the final success  
which we believe the British Commonwealth  
of today to be;

Period of development of present Commonwealth witnessed, in  
Canada, transition from military dependency  
to crown colony, then  
to self-governing colony, then  
to Dominion with partially achieved  
autonomy,  
and, finally, to completely autonomous  
nationhood of today;

This process of development largely responsible for present  
status and constitution of "Dominion  
of Canada";

It acquires added importance in view of its Imperial