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Imperial Conference this year one of most important yet  
held -

Derived much of its importance from very fact that  
Dominions have now finally achieved last  
stage in self-government;

Like the Coronation, the I.C. was based upon two principles  
which at first appear contradictory;

- (a) Complete control over own destinies, and
- (b) Co-operation with one another;

Actually, these principles complementary -  
each essential to "Commonwealth system" of  
government;

While the visible bonds of Empire have all but disappeared  
the real bonds have, I believe, never been  
truer or stronger -

Their strength due to fact they are completely  
voluntary and not based on coercion -

The strength of the Commonwealth structure of  
today lies in underlying principle of  
freedom;

Constitutional position as symbolized by Coronation and  
Imperial Conference not a sudden develop-  
ment, not derived from "paper constitution"