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What has been accomplished during the last sixty years has been brought home to us during the celebration which we are now concluding. The great achievement of Confederation is that it brought us nearer to nationhood. Step by step we have marched in that direction until at the last Imperial Conference the status of the nations of the Commonwealth was acknowledged. This for Canada is the crowning act of Confederation and I am proud to acknowledge that it was brought about under your administration. Canada is now a nation, a nation united to Britain by the most effective of all ties, the ties of kindred blood and affection. In your hour of trial the true spirit of Canada was with you, and she gave to you of her best. The spirit of Canada is unalterable. Peace, world peace, we trust, will be the guiding principle of Government through the ages, but whatever the future may hold, the Prime Ministers and the people of England will realize that the spirit of Canada is of more enduring worth than treaties or compacts.

Prime Ministers of England from the days of the Earl of Chatham have been closely identified with our political evolution, and with the most important event in our national life is associated the name of Stanley Baldwin. Nor do we

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