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Until very eve of rising, expressions of loyalty to
the Sovereign characterized utterances
of Reformers;

Outbreak of December 1837 was not so much a rebellion
as what Goldwin Smith has called "A
spurt of civil war" -

Prior to that time, hostility and struggle were
directed against local dominant group -
Mackenzie and other Reformers genuinely devoted to
British system of government and of
justice - see exhibit

Criticism of Home Government was on basis of its lack
of understanding and indifference to situation
in Canada, and failure to take steps to
correct abuse of existing system;

In issuing call to arms, aim was expressed of
forcing the Governor to put Executive
Council on responsible basis;

People of Upper Canada were moved by blind sense of rage
at injustices, and feeling of ^{impatience} ~~impatience~~
to secure change -