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aspect -

Canada has from early colonial times been the

"laboratory of the Empire";

A concession granted to Canada was thereafter

extended to other principal colonies;

Thus while the struggle which finally ended in the

freedom we enjoy today was largely

confined to what is now Canada, the scope

of its effects was Empire-wide;

The central point in that long period of development was the

series of events which culminated in the

outbreak, the centenary of which is being

observed in Canada this year;

(2) Centenary of Struggle of 1837:

Year 1837, in real sense, forms political water-shed in

Canada and, hence, of Empire as a whole -

Prior to that time, a more or less consistent

deterioration discernible in administra-

tion of British North American colonies;

After 1837, there was, on the whole, steady progress

towards the complete freedom which charac-

terizes Canada's position in Empire of today;

The goal sought by the leading Reformers of 100 years ago was