



THE peninsula on which the City of St. John stands was surveyed and laid out in lots by Paul Bedell, under direction of Major Gilfred Studholm, Commandant at Fort Howe.

These lots were divided up among the Loyalists who came here in 1783 — at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. Lot No. 391 on the Northeast corner of King and Germain streets was drawn by Robert Wood, a Pennsylvania Loyalist. He took out his freedom in 1785 as a Tobacconist, and built a dwelling on the corner, where he was living as late as 1815.

One of the earliest settlers of St. John not connected with the Loyalist Immigration was James Scoullar. He was a native of the Parish of Dulsirt, in Lanarkshire, Scotland, where he was born on the 19th of May, 1768. He came to this country in 1795 and settled in St. John and took out his freedom the same year as a Merchant Tailor. He commenced business in a building on King street, just below the lot on which the Royal Hotel now stands. He was a man of much enterprise and ability and was soon at the head of a prosperous concern. About 1820 he bought the corner lot occupied by Wood and erected on it the brick building which is still standing there.