

heavily mantled with dripping sea weed, and its tremendous mass gives one a vivid idea of the height and force of the Bay of Fundy tides. Conspicuous to the left, is the Martello Tower, on Carleton Heights, and in front, the many-hilled city of St. John. Sloping steeply up from the water, it occupies a most commanding position, and its terraced streets appear to remarkable advantage. It looks somewhat, says the author of "Baddeck," in his exaggerated vein, as though it would slide off the steep hillside, if the houses were not well morticed into the solid rock. It is apparently built on as many hills as Rome, and each of them seems to be crowned with a graceful spire.

Situated at the mouth of one of the largest rivers on the continent, the chief point of export and import, and the great distributing centre for a prosperous province, it cannot fail to be a great city. It is indeed beautiful for situation. Seated like a queen upon her rocky throne, it commands a prospect of rarely equalled magnificence and loveliness. Its ships are on all the seas, and it is destined by Nature to be, and indeed is now, one of the great ports of the world. The huge wharves, rendered necessary by the high tides, and the vessels left stranded in the mud by their ebb, are a novel spectacle to an inlander.

There are few more graceful sights than a large square-rigged vessel, swaying, swan-like, in the breeze, and gliding on her destined way before a favouring breeze. Small wonder that Charles Dibbin's sea-songs stir the pulses of the veriest landsman with a longing for the sea. It must be the old Norse blood of our viking ancestors that responds to the spell.

Since the great fire of 1877, which swept over two hundred acres, and destroyed over sixteen hundred houses, its street architecture has been greatly improved. Stately blocks of brick and stone have taken the place of the former wooden structures.

Many of the new buildings are splendid specimens of architecture. The Custom House is one of which any city might be proud. The Post Office, the churches, and numerous other buildings, public and private, cannot fail to evoke admiration. The city is naturally well adapted to show its buildings to the best advantage, with its streets wide, straight, and crossing each other at right angles. A closer inspection does not dissipate the first favourable impression, and St. John is voted a city of noble possibilities and delightful surroundings.