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The Ter-Centenary of the River St. John.



T was upon a rare day in June," so Dr. G. U. Hay tells us in his recently published History of New Brunswick, "that De Monts and Champlain after rounding Spencer headland, came in sight of the harbor of St. John, through which the strong river was pulsing its course to the Bay of Fundy, like a discharging artery. Where now stands New Brunswick's chief city, its tall church spires seen from a distance, shapely cedars and spruces raised aloft their cone-like tips — the green spires of 'God's first temples.' The heights around and the distant hills were crowned with sombre pines and firs, their dark green enlivened by the fresh tints of the deciduous trees newly awakened from their long winter's sleep."

The twenty-fourth of June will long be a memorable day in the annals of Acadia, but when we remember that on the twenty-