Offshore oil drilling rigs there signal the start of a new industry utilizing the oil reserves of Canada's eastern continental shelf.

Fredericton, New Brunswick is the capital of what is often called the "picture province", although Saint John is the largest city. Many public buildings, including the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and the Playhouse, and several University of New Brunswick campus buildings are benefactions of the New Brunswick-born Lord Beaverbrook. Fredericton is sometimes referred to as the "poets' corner of Canada" because it has been home to such poets as Jonathan Odell, Charles G. D. Roberts and Bliss Carman.

Montreal, Quebec, a cosmopolitan port and hub of trade, finance (Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges), industry, sport, arts and culture, is the second largest French-speaking city in the world. The island and the city take their names from Mount Royal, the city's best known historic landmark.

Quebec City, Quebec, capital of the largest province, was first settled by Samuel de Champlain in 1608. It is also one of the two walled cities in North America. As well as being an important industrial centre and port with large warehouse and grain facilities, Quebec City retains an atmosphere of old world charm.

Ottawa, Ontario is the national capital and home of the Canadian Parliament. Ottawa has retained its importance as a centre of the forest-products industries of the Ottawa Valley as well as the hydro-electric