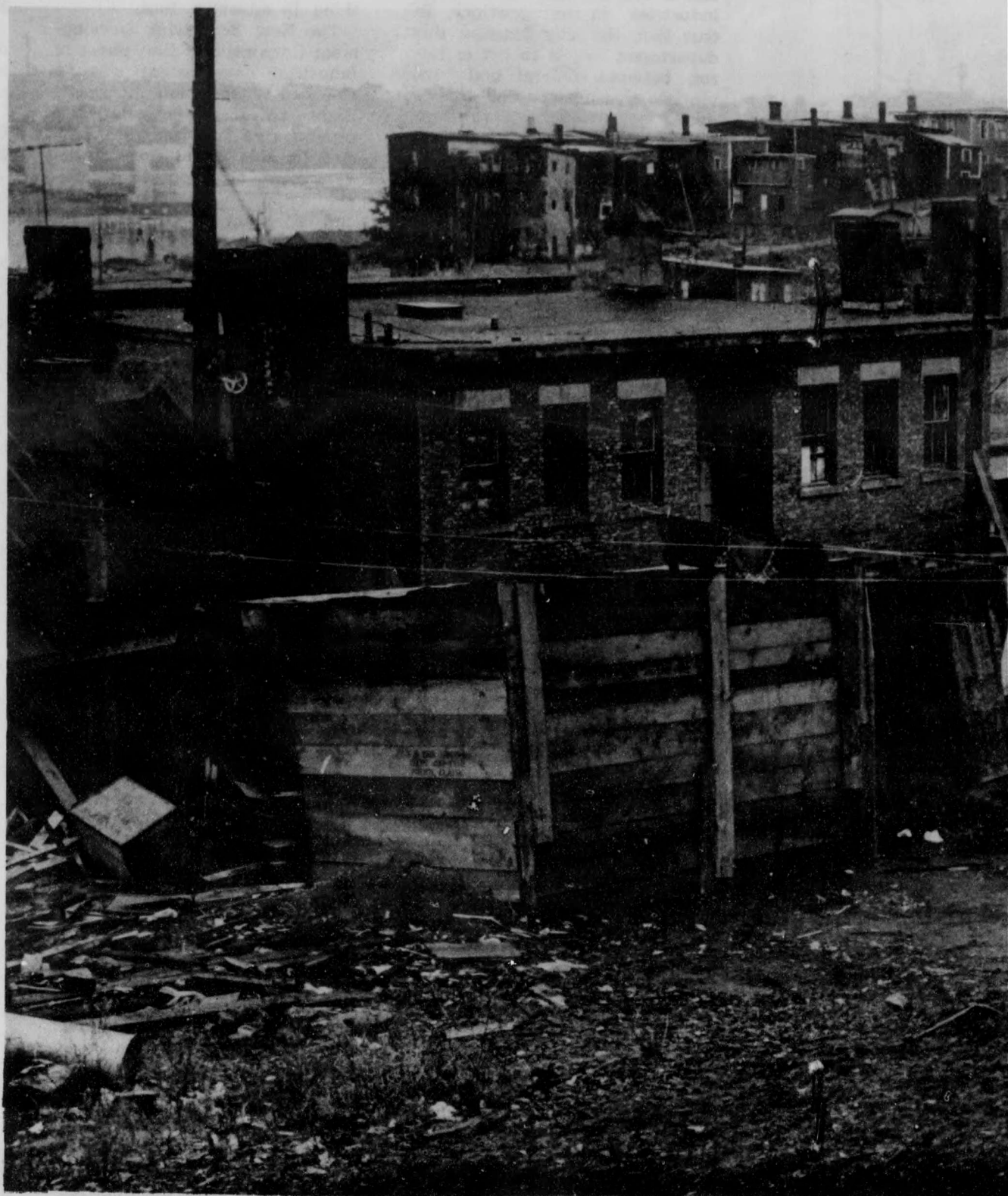


A view of the North End of Saint John, New Brunswick. Work done on the new Harbour Bridge may be seen in the upper left.



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## Rubble, Rust and Rui

Saint John has always had its poor, like any other city. Yet Saint John was not always a poor city. When her founders, the Loyalists, made her North America's first incorporated city in 1784, it was with something

of a dream to make Saint John a rich city in a rich province just coming into being, with everything to win for the future. The sentiments of the most idealistic were to make New Brunswick a model nation to the

world, and to demonstrate their ability to uphold a civilized and vigorous society under a grand Empire, in what were essentially brutalizing frontier conditions. There was hope in the nineteenth century, despite recessions,

of a grand economic boom in the timber trade to make New Brunswick a fulfillment of this dream. Saint John, as the province's most valuable port city, became in a way a nexus of everything the province aspired is