



## ST. JOHN *The CITY of the LOYALISTS*



Rockwood Park



his daily task may be a continuance of a practice instituted long ago in some far off Province of France. Between the days of Champlain and the coming of the Loyalists, many adventurers paused for a space at Saint John. Here Membertou assembled his warriors in large numbers. Here La Tour and D'Aulnay fought for the possession of Fort La Tour as it commanded one of the richest trading posts in Acadia. Here perished Lady La Tour, dying for her people and for her adopted country. She lies somewhere in Carleton, in a nameless unknown grave, this brave woman whose high courage and true patriotism deserve a more lasting memorial than that furnished by the fleeting memory of man.

For nearly one hundred years Saint John was the scene of many changes. The wars between the Indians and the New Englanders, the constant internal dissensions among the fur-traders, the unusual conditions that confronted the French commandants, all combined to keep the place in a continual state of turmoil, although it contributed to the picturesque life of the settlement. Courier du Bois, French Noblemen, Indians, Spanish, Flemish and American sailors, soldiers of fortune from many lands, all met within the walls of Fort La Tour, sometimes governed by the gallant de Valliere, sometimes by Villebon of keen and clever