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man; Daniel Leavitt, assistant alderman.
Duke ward—Thomas Harding, alderman; Geo. Bonnell, assistant alderman.
Sibley ward—George Van Horne, alderman; John Clark, assistant alderman.
Guys ward—Joseph Farnford, alderman; Joseph Stackhouse, assistant alderman.
Kings ward—John Wightman, alderman; Thomas Locky, assistant alderman.
Thomas Sancton—Chamberlain.
Joshua Bunbury—High constable.

Finances.
The Bank of New Brunswick had been incorporated in 1820. Its directors, representing the moneyed men of St. John at that period, were: Hon. John Roblin, president; Hon. Wm. Black, Ward Chipman, Jr., Thomas Millidge, Robert Parker, Jr., Nehemiah Marritt, Lewis Bliss, E. Wheeler, Esckiel Barlow, Hugh Johnston, sr., Henry Gilbert, H. W. Crookshank and Stephen Wiggins. The cashier was H. H. Carmichael.

In the fifties a copper coin was in circulation, bearing the inscription "Ship, colonies and commerce." That expressed the spirit of St. John, then, however, with the narrow aims of British ship owners, for St. John merchants in meeting passed resolutions to confine the British West India trade to vessels flying the British flag, a precursor of the Fordney act of congress, which aims to sell United States products to all countries without buying anything back.

The city financed itself in 1820, issuing scrip of small denominations, 6d, 1s, and 2s, 2,500 of these obligations were put in circulation. Until the Bank of New Brunswick was established all currency was specie—gold and silver—doubloons, pistoles, Spanish dollars, etc. The sale of a cargo or a vessel was completed by the transfer by a porter of one or more bags of gold or silver.

Up to fifty years ago nobody was allowed to do business in the city unless he became a freeman. The process of becoming a freeman was to pay a fee and subscribe to a prescribed oath. Wages were low, 2s, 6d, for a laboring man and 4s, for a skilled mechanic. Produce generally was cheap, placing the necessities of life within the reach of everybody. For instance, butter was 8d. per pound, but some classes of goods were expensive. Shingle nails, made by hand those days, cost 1s. 8d. per pound. A day's work chopping wood was required to pay for a yard of Scotch cotton.

The First Foundry.
There was no foundry in 1822, the first being established by Harris & Allan in 1831. From the first importation of twenty tons of pig iron was cast the first Franklin stove. The first mill castings were also made about the same time for a Mr. Yanwart of Long Reach. In 1836 Mr. Fleming built the first engine and boiler. In 1870 two saw mills, driven by water power were built at the marsh abouder. Another mill also was built at Portland bridge. The first steam saw mill was built by Captain City at the Strait Shore. "Ready Made Smith" was the title given to William Willard, who in 1820 commenced trading in ready-made or "slop" clothing. Matthew Parlow was the first tailor. He dated at 1820.

The first tanning business was started by William Mellick, in 1790, followed by Messrs. Jordan, Harding and Anselmy—the latter introduced steam in 1838. The first maker of hats was Thatcher Sears—a Loyalist, Colonel Billoy, wore a hat made in the province. Mr. Sears' house and shop were at the foot of King street, North side. Brass foundry was started in 1818, by John Barry. The first smelter of iron was Robert Foulis, who started a business at the corner of Duke and Prince William street in 1823. The date when the manufacture of edge tools began is not known. The first blacksmith in Loyalist times was one Oustrand, who commenced the making of scythes and axes. He was followed by his two sons. One John Ward had a factory at York Point. James Hendrick, a former hardware man, sent an order to England for two hundred dozen axes. He sent a wooden one as a model. The order was filled too perfectly, for when the axes arrived it was found that they were without eyes for the handle—no eye having been put in the sample sent. The first cut nail was made in 1837, by Harris and Allan. At Cooper's Alley, now the lower end of Church street, was located the activities of James Smart, who made tubs, water pails and oaks for the Loyalists. The name of James Smart deserves to be preserved as the first manufacturer of hardware—back as far as 1795.

The merchants in business at that period were: Thomas Millidge, Alexander Edmond, Kinnear and Hudson, Merritt and Van Horne, George Donald, D. and T. Leavitt, Coats and Barr, Hugh Johnston & Co., J. L. Vennet, Samuel Langshaw, William Harris & Co., Henry Gault and Co., Gilbert and Tisdale—Thomas Robson was inspector of vessels for insurance—R. Sands and Co., McLeod, Robinson and Co., and Isaac J. Bedell. The only trades advertised were Alexander Lawrence, upholsterer, Robert Shaw, cabinet maker, and T. Cooke & Co., soap and candles.

A Business That Still Flourishes.
Amongst the merchants and tradesmen of St. John, one meets with a surprising position in the province.

Best and Best Known

HURLBUT CUSHION WELTS are best for children. Correctly shaped and skilfully made from first grade materials, they insure the right development of the tender bones of the foot and give room to grow for every toe.

More than one million mothers know this and they know, too, that Hurlbut shoes are economical, costing less per day of wear.

Do you want the best for your child?
Then specify Hurlbuts.

Write for booklet on Hurlbut shoes and we will tell you the names of Hurlbut dealers nearest to you.

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CUSHION-SOLE
Shoes for Children
MADE IN CANADA

By The Hurlbut Co. Limited
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Notice how the natural shape of the shoe allows room to grow for every toe.

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