

THE CITADEL AT QUEBEC

Fortification of the promontory dominating the St. Lawrence River at Quebec was begun by Samuel de Champlain. At various times during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when war between France and Britain made an attack on Quebec imminent, these fortifications were extended and improved. The Citadel, highest point on Cap aux Diamants, was first fortified in 1693 under the direction of Governor Frontenac. In its present form, the Citadel dates from a much later period. The defence works seen today are the result of a twelve-year building programme begun by British engineers in 1820. Occupying its spectacular position above the picturesque city, the Citadel is presently the summer residence of the Governor General, and a mecca for tourists from all over the continent.