



BRIGADIER GENERAL MONGKTON'S EXPEDITION

TO THE

RIVER SAINT JOHN IN SEPTEMBER, 1758.

THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF THE ENGLISH
ON THE SHORES OF THE ST. JOHN HARBOR.

STORY OF OLD FORT FREDERICK.

Twenty-five years ago the Centennial day of the City of St. John was fittingly commemorated by an elaborate festival held on the 18th of May, 1883. Our older citizens will recall the excitement and enthusiasm of the occasion. The founder and first president of this Society, Joseph W. Lawrence, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, Hon. R. D. Wilmot, the Mayor of St. John, Simeon Jones, Esq., and many men of mark in the community were actively concerned in the proceedings of that Centennial day. The Haymarket Square Polymorphians and other organizations gave a reproduction of the Landing of the Loyalists, which, if not accurate in all its details, was decidedly interesting, and was witnessed by 20,000 people. The scene of the pageant was the old "Upper Cove," at the foot of King Street. The subsequent proceedings, which were equally enthusiastic, are duly chronicled in the newspapers of the day.

Next in order of our famous historic commemorations came the celebration of the Tercentenary of the discovery of the harbor and river of St. John by Champlain and de Monts on the 24th of June, 1604. This was undoubtedly the most interesting and remarkable historic celebration ever witnessed in St. John, and is likely to be long remembered by those who participated in it.

This brings us to speak of an event which stands midway between the discovery of our port and river by European adventurers and the present time. The 20th day of September, 1908, marks the 150th