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An Overview of Saint John

Saint John is the largest city in New Brunswick, Canada. It is located at the mouth of the Saint John River on the Bay of Fundy. History records that the French explorers Sieur de Monts and Samuel De Champlain arrived at the mouth of what is now the St. John River on June 24, 1604, feast day of Saint John the Baptist, and named the River in the saint's honor. Portland Point is an important historic landmark on the east side of Saint John Harbor. It was here that the first permanent French settlement in that part of Acadia now known as New Brunswick was made. It was fortified by Charles La Tour, who was made lieutenant governor in 1631 to 1635 and engaged in trade with the natives.

The British occupied it in 1758 and renamed Fort Frederick The latter was destroyed by American revolutionaries in 1775 but was replaced by Fort Howe, whose block house has since been reconstructed. The settlement began to develop in 1783, when the United Empire Loyalists established Parr Town and Carleton around the harbor. In 1785 the two communities amalgamated as Saint John to become Canada's first incorporated city. A year-round ice-free harbor fostered shipping, shipbuilding, and fishing. A disastrous fire of 1877 and a declining lumber trade checked economic growth. Saint John recovered, absorbed the city of Portland in 1889, the city and parish of Lancaster and part of Simonds parish in 1966, and became the province's commercial, manufacturing, and transportation center, with shipping facilities and one of the world's longest dry docks. Saint John has taken pride in its history and has restored many of the original buildings and homes. A walk down Prince William Street is like walking in the past.

King Street – Saint John's old Main Street, its sidewalks are paved in red rock. King's Square – Adjacent to the Burial Grounds, this city square features a large mass of melted stock from a hardware store that was demolished in the Great Fire of 1877. Loyalist House – Built by Loyalist Daniel David Merritt in 1810, this imposing building displays period furnishings.

Market Slip – This is the site where the first Loyalists landed in 1783. It is also the location of Barbour's General Store, a 19th-century shop reminiscent of the past as well as an old red schoolhouse, now a tourist information center. Old City Market – This block-long market, dating from 1876, offers up a variety of crafts and tasty delights. Trinity Church – Rebuilt after the Great Fire, the church features a coat of arms, the mark of the old monarchy, which was rescued from the council chamber at Massachusetts Bay.

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