

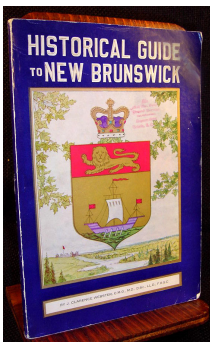
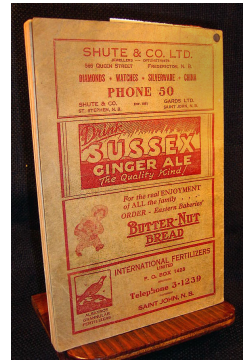
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Introduction



This Guide presents in compact form the leading historical facts relating to New Brunswick. Though the province as an autonomous organization is only one hundred and fifty-six years old, as a former part of the older Province of Nova Scotia, and the still older French Colony of Acadie, its traditions go back for more than three hundred years. Unfortunately, the interesting records of the past which have been accumulated by many diligent students are, for the most part, buried in the transactions of learned Societies and old magazines. They have been largely neglected by the writers of school books and popular literature. Consequently, the people at large are without means of acquainting themselves with the story of the province in most of its manifold phases.

Tourists and visitors are equally bereft, and thus there is lacking one of the greatest delights common to the leading civilized countries of the world, of studying the records of past generations, either for the purpose of stimulating the imagination, of appreciating the relative values of the most important factors which have determined the course of the country's development, or of the more prosaic quest of merely accumulating plain indisputable facts.

Visitors who travel in European countries for the first time find their chief delight in the novelties presented, developing an interest commensurate with the degree of variability from the phenomena exhibited by their native land. Thus, new phases of architecture, of customs, manners, traditions and ceremonials, however archaic and peculiar they may be, exercise a peculiar charm and fascination on the minds of the great majority of people. An old ruined castle, a picturesque mediaeval building arrests the attention of the traveller and he is eager to consult his guide book in order to learn the data relating to it, and he is always more interested if, with the facts, there is a legend or some romantic story which can stir his imagination. The history of New Brunswick is no less interesting and fascinating than that of many European countries but tangible evidences in the shape of forts and early buildings are scanty, owing to the fact that they were mostly

constructed of wood and have consequently disappeared. Our records include the following:

1. The Indian Period.
2. The French Period.
3. The English Period.
 - a. While the province was still part of Nova Scotia.
 - b. The coming of the Loyalists, and the establishment of New Brunswick as a separate province.
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Each of these periods has its own particular interest.

Of the Indians much is known — their customs, routes of travel, villages, language, mythology and traditions.

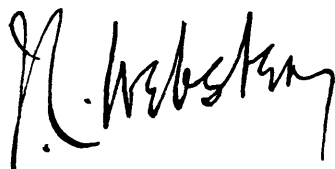
The French period, with its pioneer accomplishments of explorers, daring adventurers and traders, the endless struggles with the English, and the final ascendancy of the latter, furnishes the most thrilling and romantic accounts, which are fitting themes for epic poetry and romantic fiction. The founding of the provinces by the thousands of people, who at the close of the Revolutionary War found themselves dispossessed of all save a love for old England and its traditions, and who, in their penury, chose to move to an undeveloped land and begin life anew, working with unremitting diligence to carve out farms in the virgin forests, is one of the noblest records of human endeavor in the history of mankind.

This Guide tries to present short and succinct accounts of the main features of these various periods. That it has been helpful not only to natives of the province, but to those who come each year as visitors in search of relaxation and fresh interest is evident from the rapid exhaustion of the five editions which have preceded this one.

I desire to express my deep thanks to Dr. W. F. Ganong for his advice and assistance in the preparation of this work. I have drawn freely on his illimitable store of knowledge of this province, garnered by him through long years of patient and accurate research and preserved in monographs of enduring value.

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Arnold, Benedict in Saint John

After joining the British Army during the Revolutionary War, Arnold served with the rank of a General until December, 1781, when he sailed to England. He resided there four years and then decided to settle in Saint John. He arrived at the end of 1785, purchased a lot on Main Street, Lower Cove, and erected a store, taking a partner named Munson Hoyt. In May, 1786, he bought a vessel and went on a trading expedition to the West Indies, and thence to England. He returned to Saint John with his family in 1787. On July 11, 1788,



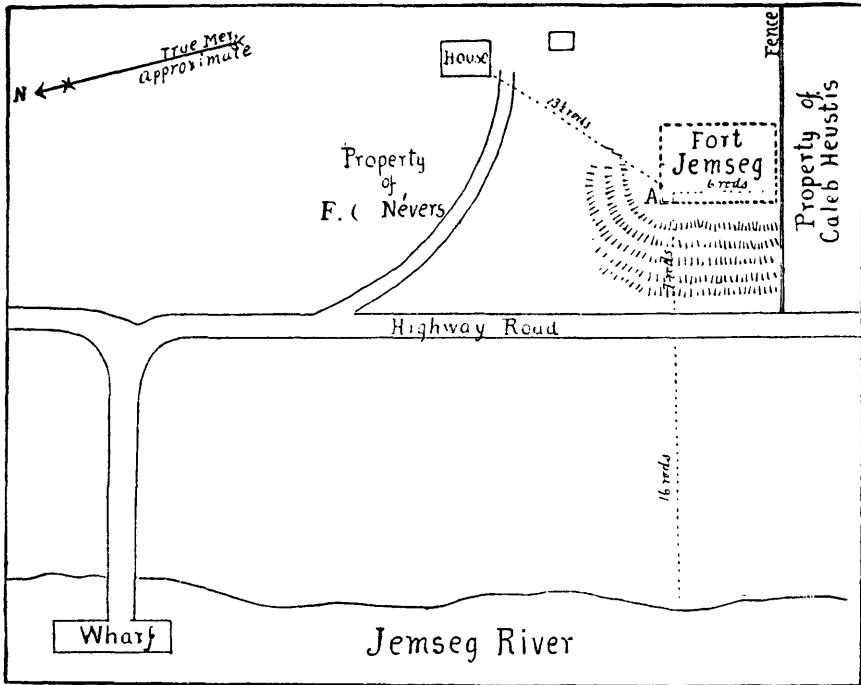
BENEDICT ARNOLD

his store was burned. The property had been heavily insured (rumor said "over insured"). Two years later, his partner, from whom he had separated, accused Arnold of having started the fire, whereupon the latter brought an action for slander, claiming \$5,000.00 damages. The trial took place in September, 1790, and the jury returned a verdict giving the plaintiff twenty shillings damages.

Arnold's overbearing manners and his reputation for

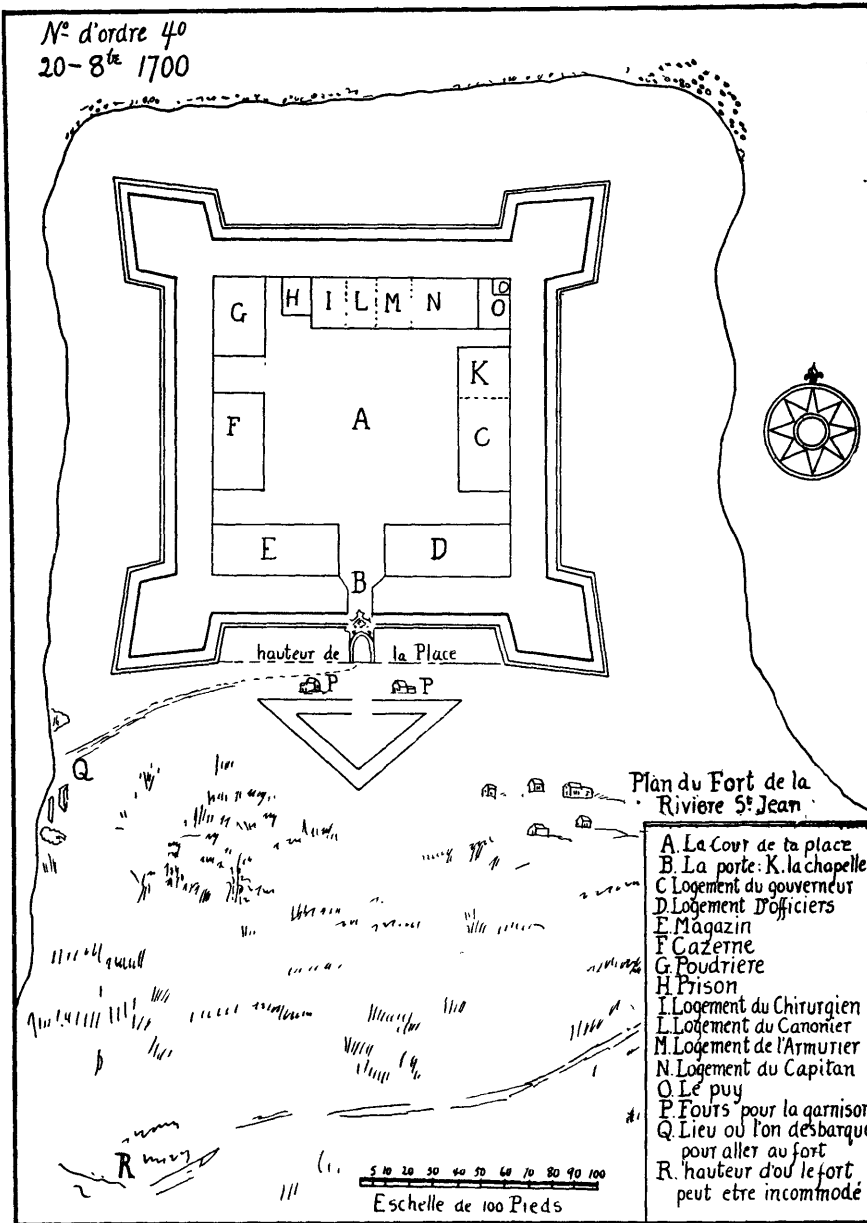
crookedness made him very unpopular, and on one occasion they made an effigy of him, labelled *Traitor*, and burned it in front of his house. At length, he decided to leave, and on September 6, 1791, his household effects were sold at auction and his business interests disposed of; in the following year he returned to England. Later he engaged in business in the West Indies. He lived, also for a time in Fredericton, where the site of his home (Rose Hall) is locally well-known.

Treaty of Breda in 1667, Acadia was once more restored to France, Temple being ordered to retire. He refused for some time but, finally, obeyed, and was succeeded by a French Governor, De Grandfontaine in 1670. Two sites have been suggested as having been occupied by a fort, one, a short distance below the mouth of the Jemseg, which was, later, abandoned as being subject to inundation; the other, higher up the river, on its east bank (at the site now known as Lower Jemseg).



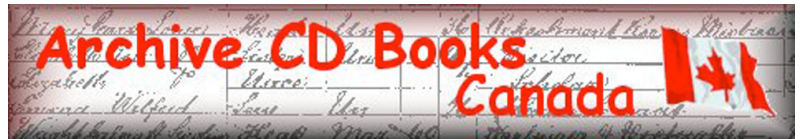
SKETCH OF SITE OF FORT JEMSEG (Ganong)
A corner of the fort is still visible

It is with the latter that we are concerned. The fort was built on a knoll a short distance from the river, and close to the main highway. The most important event in its history was its capture by a Dutch force in 1674. France and England had declared war on the United Provinces. The latter sent a strong naval force to America, ravaging the East coast and retaking Manhattan Island, after which a Dutch government was established in the Province of New York. The English Parliament then forced King Charles to make peace, which was signed at Westminster, February 9, 1674, the Dutch agreeing to with-



(By courtesy of Dr. W. F. Ganong)
PLAN OF VILLEBON'S FORT AT SAINT JOHN HARBOR

Erected on the site of Charnisay's Fort on West Side
Original Plan in the Archives of La Marine, Paris



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