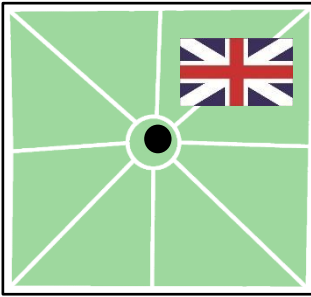


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King Square and Surroundings



Credit: Google Maps

There were four squares or green spaces set out in the city's original plans in 1784. The walkways are set out to resemble the **Union Flag** which was the precursor of the Union Jack flag.

In the center of the Square is a double decker bandstand. The Royal Coronet Band in commemoration of the coronation of Edward VII, son of Victoria, gave the unique bandstand to the city in 1909. A fountain was built on the ground level and the musicians use the second level for performances by climbing a moveable staircase. There is only one other similar bandstand in the world and it is in Santiago, Chile.



Credit: The Weather Network

Over the years there have been many monuments placed in the park. Among them are memorials to Charles Gorman, Sir Leonard Tilley, a New Brunswick Father of Confederation, Frederick Young, the Firefighters', and the War Memorial.



Charles Gorman

Credit: Olympic.ca

The Young Monument was erected in honour of a 19 year old, Frederick Young, who died trying to rescue a small boy who had fallen into the harbour. The citizens were so moved by his bravery that they raised the funds by public subscription at \$1.00 per citizen.

The marker to Charles Gorman commemorates his prowess as an Olympic athlete. Some of Gorman's speed skating records have never been broken; especially amazing as he carried shrapnel in his leg from WWI.

The Firefighter's Memorial lists the names of members who died in the line of duty. The War Memorial, as in many parks across the country, remembers Canadians who made the supreme sacrifice.

On the edge of the Square is the Georgian style County Courthouse built in 1820. The architect, Cunningham, quarried 100 tons of stone in Scotland. Inside the building is a free standing spiral staircase composed of 49 steps with no central support. The staircase uses the curve of the spiral and the balance of each step for its support. It is an architectural wonder. The City Council of the day doubted the staircase's stability, so Mr. Cunningham demonstrated its substance by requesting 49 prisoners from the adjacent gaol. He placed one prisoner on each step. When the staircase held up under the weight, city hall had to pay the bill of \$850.00.



Credit: CTV News Atlantic

Beside the Courthouse is Loyalist Burial Ground and on another corner the City Market. The Imperial theatre stands on another side of the Square and Trinity Church is close by. Be sure to take some time while you are in Saint John to visit these points of interest in this historical area of the city.



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