

Fort Saint-Jean Museum

Vestige of
the Forts Valley



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Open from the end of May until Labour Day
Wednesday to Sunday inclusively from 10:00am to 5:00 pm
Open on reservation the rest of the year

Admission: \$4/adult; \$2/children from 6 to 12 years old
\$10/families; 2\$/group (15 pers. +)

The old constructions, monuments and commemorative plaques that we see on the Campus, as well as the names of the buildings and streets, recall that the site is not ordinary, but, in fact, is part of our national heritage.

The French Regime

1666-1672 and 1748-1760

In 1666, the Régiment de Carignan built a fort intended to contain the Iroquois South of the 45th parallel.

The British colonial era

1760-1775 and 1776-1839

The Fort Saint-Jean did not disappear however with the Conquest. It was rebuilt in 1775 and played an important role during the American invasion into Canada. The British, forced to go to war against their New-England colonies, built redoubts on the Fort Saint-Jean site.

In 1776, the Americans abandoned Fort Saint-Jean, which was transformed in a maritime shipyard. A fleet that will fight on the Champlain Lake was built.



It is therefore on the site of the first French fort of 1666 that were built by the Royal Engineers (under the British regime) three buildings in 1839. Those brick buildings are the first ones to have been erected on the present site of Fort Saint-Jean.



Many of the buildings that we can see today are from that period.

In the 1980s, archaeological searches allowed to free, a few feet from the Vieux Mess, important relics of that settlement, some of them being in the museum exhibit.

Garrison

1839-1952

We know that in 1883 an infantry school was organized, which was at the origin of the famous Royal Canadian Regiment. The Royal Canadian Dragoons stayed here during many years and the Royal 22e Régiment was born in 1914. We will also recall that this site housed many training centers, among which the important Canadian Army Training School (CATS).

Le Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean (C.M.R.)

1952-1995

In 1952, the Governor General of Canada officially inaugurated the Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean (C.M.R.), which closed in 1995.

