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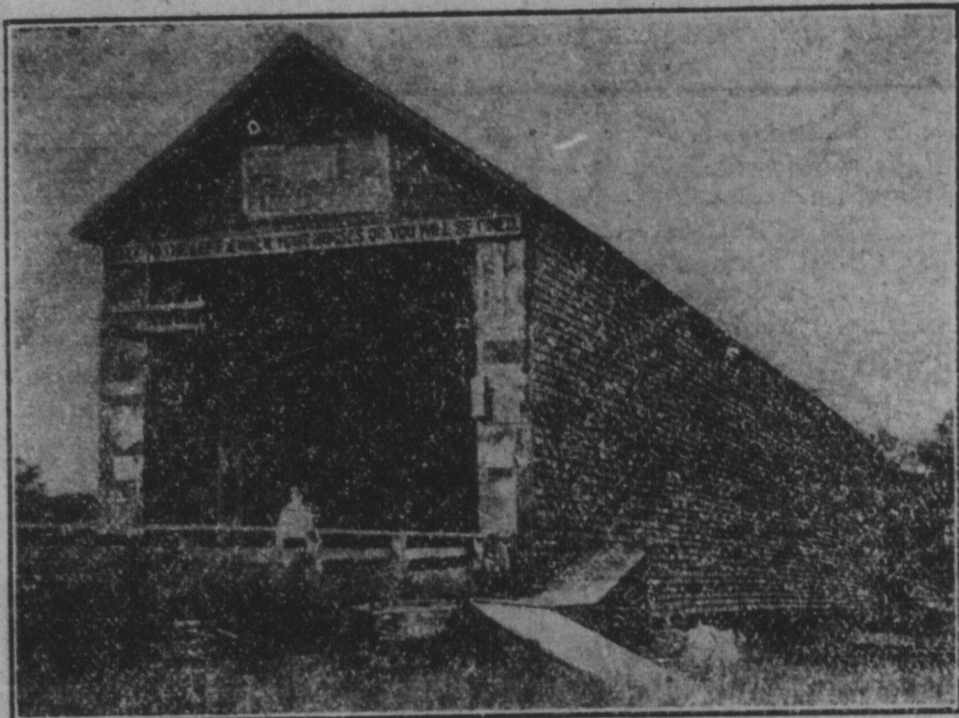
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## Improvements and Events in Bridgetown During 1908



THE OLD RED BRIDGE

### BRIDGETOWN LOOKS BACK ON A YEAR OF PROGRESS

#### New Steel Bridge Built, 450 Ton Tern Schooner Launched, Cider Factory Built, Houses Remodelled, etc.

While 1908 has not quite kept pace with a few of its predecessors in the matter of architectural growth, yet it has by no means been a year of stagnation so far as improvements go.

The most eventful public improvement of the year was the completion of the new steel bridge which, though opened to the public on December 7, 1907, was not completed until some time in the early part of 1908.

OUR NEW BRIDGE.  
This handsome steel structure for which the town is indebted to Hon. O. T. Daniels, the county's present representative in the provincial house is of the latest approved design known as the camel-back plan and is architecturally an ornament to the town, as well as a much needed improvement in the interests of public travel. The old red bridge which it replaced had long before seen its days of adequate service numbered and its unsanitary condition had long been a grievance to the town. The new bridge is one hundred and fifty feet in length and rests upon solid concrete abutments, reinforced by steel rails and fenders of boiler plate. The steel over-structure is twenty-five feet at its highest point.

The driveway is sixteen feet wide with foot-paths four feet wide on either side. Our illustrations show the contrast between the old bridge and the new.

#### SCHOONER LAUNCHED.

The next event of public interest was the launching from the shipyard of L. D. Shafner of the schooner "C. D. Pickels." This vessel is one of a fleet of twenty-one to be built by Mr. Shafner and is a handsome tern schooner of 450 tons register. Another schooner is partly constructed and will be launched from the same yard during the coming season. About forty hands were employed in the ship-yard last year. Mr. Mark DeVeau was the master workman. The launching of the C. D. Pickels was witnessed by a gathering of about a thousand spectators.

Bridgetown leads the Valley towns in the possession of small industries which are rapidly developing. Among them is the enterprise of M. W. Graves & Co.

#### A FLOURISHING INDUSTRY.

This industry was established three years ago as a development of a private enterprise carried on for some years in Granville by M. W. Graves,

who later removed his plant to Bridgetown, manufacturing vinegar on a small scale. His building and plant were destroyed by fire and shortly afterward he associated with him Capt. J. W. Salter, and the firm M. W. Graves & Co. was established. Each year has seen enlargement of the business and this summer an additional building 36x76 feet was built and new machinery for manufacturing cider and vinegar after the most modern methods was installed. The power for the new factory is furnished by a 45 horse-power engine with 60 horse power boiler. This runs the presses, hydraulic pumps, grinding machine and the elevator, which carries the apples which are stored in the cellar to the apple house or reservoir on the roof. From the reservoir the apples pass through a sluice to the grinding machine on the second floor, where they are ground into pulp. This pulp is loaded on trucks which run on tracks to the

place on Granville street, opposite the old post office. This place was bought by Dr. Armstrong from Mrs. Gilbert Fader. It is one of the oldest of Bridgetown homesteads, and Dr. Armstrong in his alterations aimed at restoration of original type, and a slight remodelling, emphasizing the old colonial style of architecture, which is enhanced by the beautiful old elms which adorn the foreground. Suitable alterations were made in the interior, completing a spacious and attractive home. Alterations were made by Mr. Harry Abbott in the house purchased by him from the DeLancey Harris estate. In this case a verandah was added to the front of the house with dormer windows in the roof above it. Interior improvements were also made. The addition of a neat coat of paint quite transformed the place, which is prettily situated on Church street. Another place which was transformed by a slight remodelling was that owned and occupied by Mrs. M. K. Piper, the proprietor

for three new houses during the year, one for Dr. Morse, of Lawrencetown, which is one of the finest private residences in the County, one for Mr. Ralph Bent, of Paradise, and one for Joseph Stirk, Arlington. They also furnished lumber for Max Newcombe's new barn, which is a large structure with arched roof known as the "acorn" plan, covering 45x70 feet of ground and capable of holding 100 tons of hay, with a cellar with concrete floor 45 feet square. The barn was built for dairying purposes and is to have an additional winz added to accommodate stock. Hicks and Sons also furnished material for the building improvements which are mentioned elsewhere.

A good many houses were treated to the beautifying effects of a new coat of paint which does wonders in improving the town.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

During the summer a ten cent moving picture theatre was conducted in Y. M. C. A. Hall. Last month the Hall was released to the Y. M. C. A. which have a good program for amusements for the winter.



RESIDENCE OF DR. M. E. ARMSTRONG

### BRIDGETOWN LOOKS AHEAD TO A PROSPEROUS FUTURE

#### The Natural Advantages of the Town Assist in its Industrial Advancement—Apple Crop Not so Large as Usual

(Special correspondence to the Halifax Chronicle)

The year just closed has not been one that has been remarkable for much activity in building operations, although considerable money has been expended in repairs and additions, but few new buildings have been erected. Nevertheless the progress made by this town, since its incorporation, has given its citizens every good reason to be proud. The increase in the assessed value of real estate and personal property, keeps on steadily growing, the taxation for all purposes including schools, is only \$1.70 per 100, with an assessment of less than fifty per cent. of value.

The natural advantages, situated at the head of navigation on the Annapolis River and between two lines of railway, have assisted in the industrial forwardness of the town. As a site for the homes of the well-to-do the rapidly developing town of Bridgetown would be difficult to surpass. A fine system of sewerage, which like the water system, was constructed by the town itself and every house within the incorporated area as well as in the extended water district to Carleton's Corner is furnished with water at a moderate cost.

#### THE TOWN GOVERNMENT.

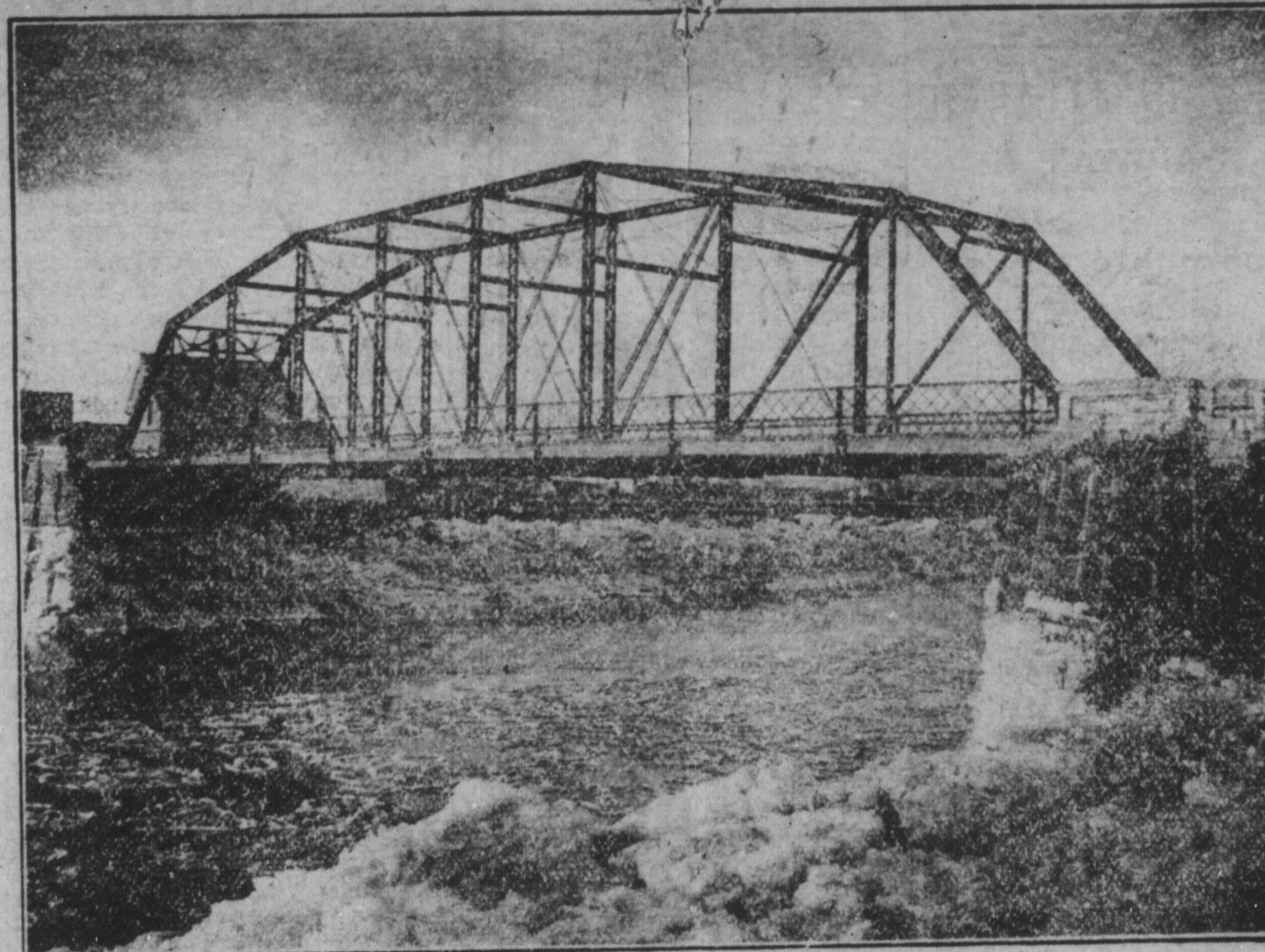
The present Council consists of

Mayor W. D. Lockett, Councillors James R. DeWitt, William Lonzmire, Arthur Charlton, William R. Calder, Karl Freeman and Norman E. Chute. The School Commissioners consist of Rev. Dr. Cranwick Jost, chairman, Dr. M. E. Armstrong, Mayor Lockett, Karl Freeman and William R. Lonzmire. The Academy ranks as one of the finest in the Province and is under the Principalship of H. L. Bustin B. A., assisted by a staff of five teachers. It has a registered attendance of over two hundred pupils.

The apple crop, which is the principal crop upon which the farmers of this district rely, while not as large as in former years, owing to the good quality of the fruit and the good prices obtained, has placed in circulation a large amount of money and the banks report that maturing paper is promptly paid.

The Y. M. C. A., which has been closed for the last eight months, has, through the generosity of Mr. Harry J. Crowe, a late townsman, again re-opened for the winter, under the efficient management of William Hills son of Rev. Benjamin Hills. The library in connection with the institution, being supplied with the daffy papers and leading periodicals, offers social inducements to our young men

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THE NEW BRIDGE IN WINTER

presses. The juice from the pulp is carried into a large receiving vat and from here is pumped by hydraulic pressure into storage tanks in other buildings. The tanks have a total capacity of 200,000 gallons and were filled to their full capacity this season. A quantity of this cider is now going through the generators in the process of vinegar-making, while another quantity is being condensed by an evaporator into apple syrup, a beverage for which there is a growing demand. In three years this business has increased six times its original capacity and no doubt future years will see increasing development.

#### HOUSES REMODELLED.

For a number of years the building of several new houses has been a feature of Bridgetown's progress. This year in the remodelling and improvement of several old houses quite effective improvements were made. The most prominent, perhaps, are the alterations in the old Foster

of the Monitor-Sentinel, which was purchased from Mr. William McLaughlin in 1906. The house was in cottage style and in the remodelling, which consisted of a verandah across the front and balcony in the roof above, with the addition of a coat of white paint with moss-green roof, the popular bungalow style of architecture was followed. The house has an effective setting of several acres of orchard and lawn with fine shade trees, and the improvement effected elicited much favorable comment.

#### WOOD-WORKING BUSINESS.

J. H. Hicks and Sons, builders and contractors, have had a fair amount of business considering the lull in building activity. The factory has been running continuously the full year up to the holiday season, when it closed for a few weeks. During the summer the factory was running over time for several weeks, while a heavy contract was being turned out on the material for building the Port Greville school-house, for which the lumber and wood-work was furnished complete. Another important contract was the material for the construction of M. W. Graves and Co.'s new building. They supplied the stock

The Bridgetown Brass Band has been revived and their music is beginning to be in demand.

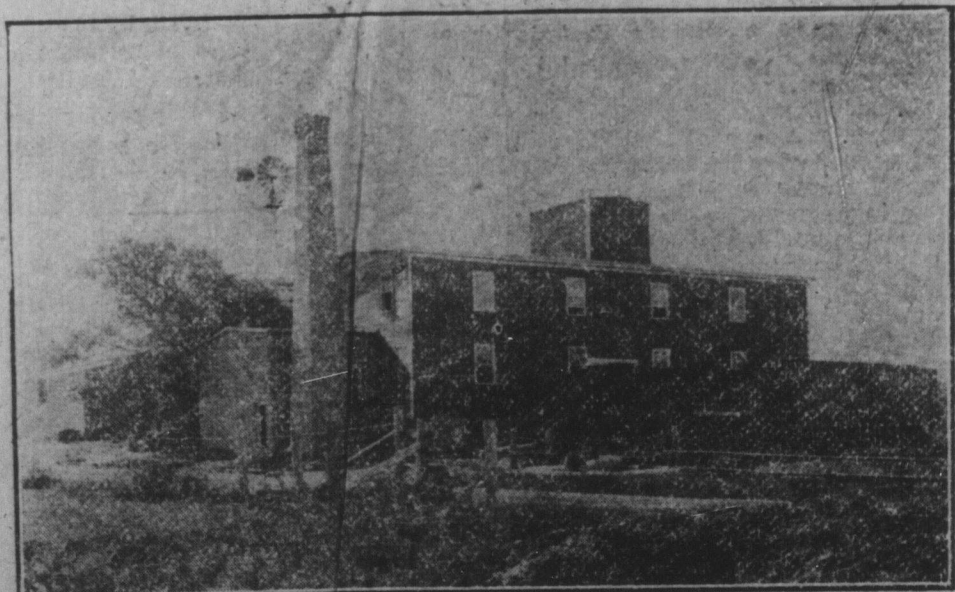
An open-air skating rink has been opened by Mr. A. R. Bishop, which is proving a very popular as well as healthful source of recreation for the young.

#### SCHOOLS.

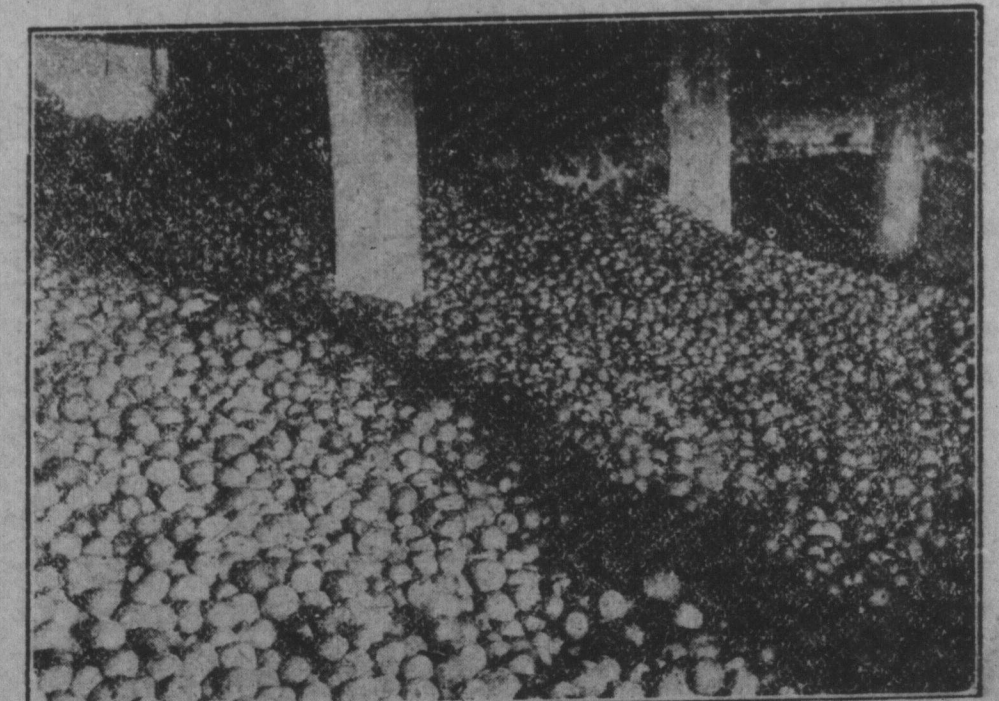
Our schools are making their usual progress, under an efficient staff of teachers. The attendance in the primary grades has developed so rapidly that it was necessary this summer to open a new room in the school building to accommodate the younger children, and a kindergarten also was established.

#### PROSPECTS.

This review of the events of the year will suffice to convince our readers if they need to be convinced that our town is keeping up a steady growth and progress; best of all the business depression of the early part of the year has passed away. Our merchants had one of the best seasons of holiday trade they have ever known, and prospects for a Bigger, Better, and Busier Bridgetown are brighter than ever.



M. W. GRAVES & CO.'S NEW CIDER FACTORY



APPLES IN CIDER FACTORY