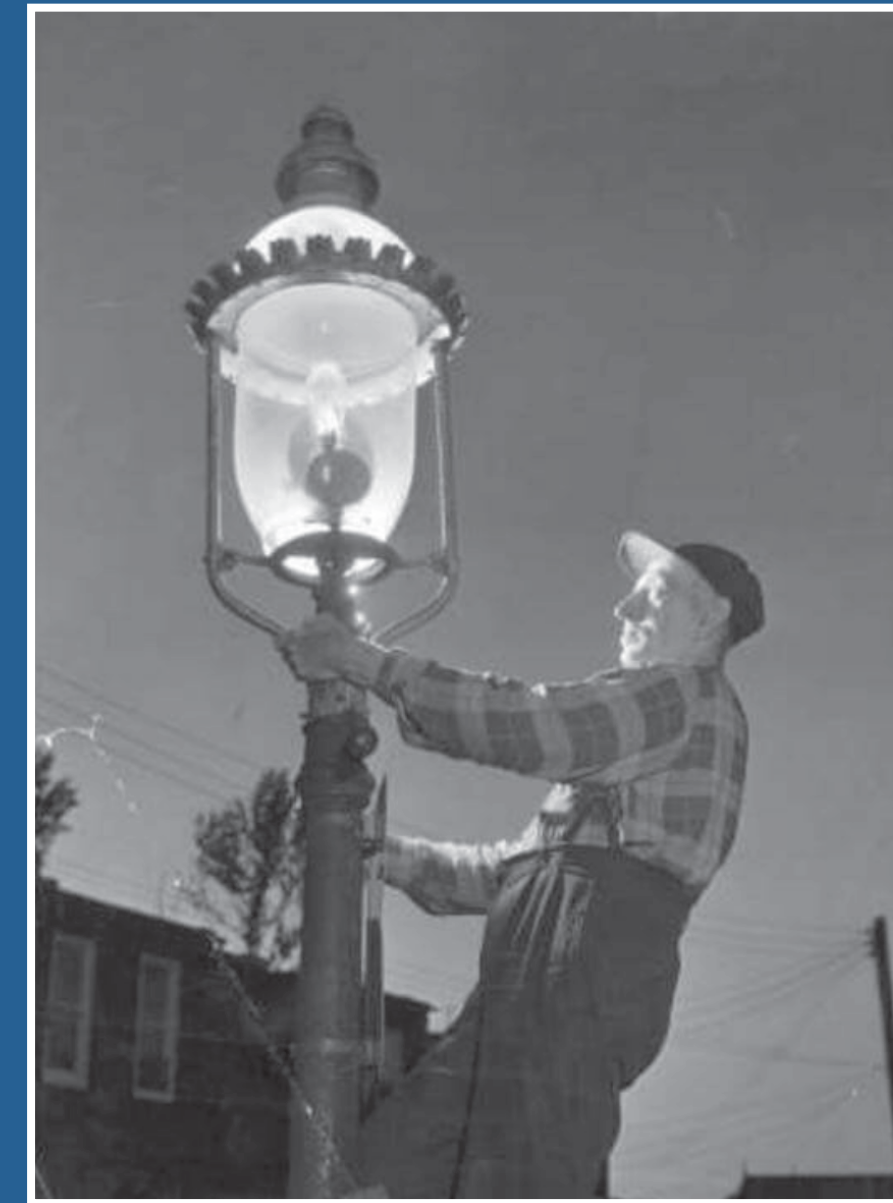


INFRASTRUCTURE

A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR BUILT HERITAGE

HOW TO GET AROUND AT NIGHT?

1832 Gas lighting: eight-foot iron posts were erected at the chief corners, providing employment for a lamplighter. Six electric carbon lights came next. Now lighting is not just for safety but for entertainment too



DO WATER AND ELECTRICITY MIX?

1890 The Cobourg Water and Electric Company Ltd was formed, though subscription was optional and wells in town remained common for some years.

1912 The Utility's huge water tank, in the residential area of King and D'Arcy Streets, **collapsed from the weight of ice.** Fortunately, no one was hurt.



1933 The Public Utilities Commission was created with a new building to house the vehicles as well as offices. Pictures in the office recall the day when you **bought your washing machine from the PUC.**

The PUC is now Lakefront Utility Services Inc. Recently a new facility for the trucks was built a few blocks north on Division Street, providing the opportunity for the creation of a water conservation garden, **a somewhat different take on "built heritage"**. So is the use of the Water Purification Plant as the backdrop for this beautiful heritage mural by Ruth Van Egmond.

