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was designed by John Bear in 1880, on the authority of
Woolwich Township Council, to replace an earlier bridge over
the Grand River. Built a year later by John and his brother,
Benjamin, the 198-foot bridge was covered to protect the wood-
en flooring and frame against the elements. Known locally
as the Kissing Bridge, it later came under the jurisdiction
of Waterloo County. In 1937 the province assumed responsi-
bility for the Guelph-Elmira Road, including the West Montrose
Bridge, and its floor and sub-structure were subsequently
rebuilt and reinforced.