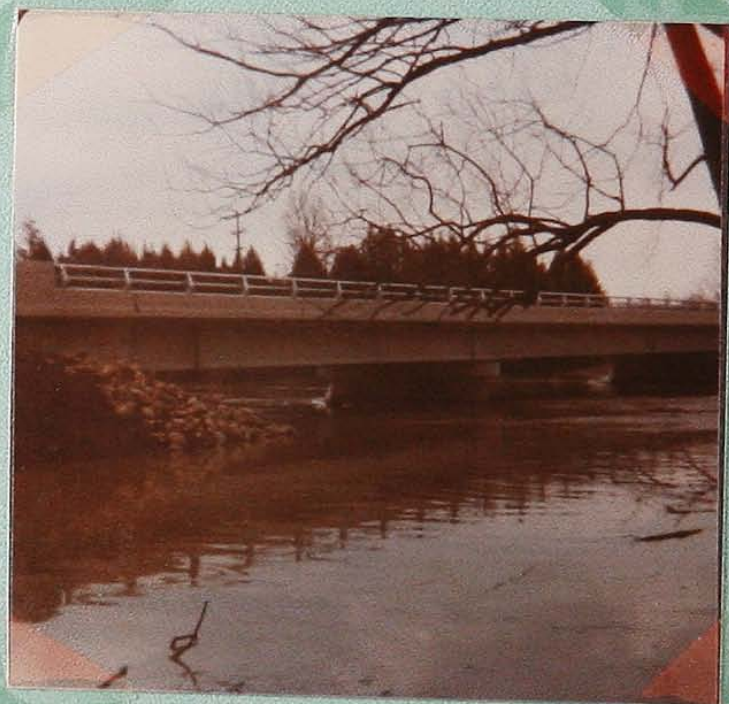


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end to a large tree on shore. The precaution was of no use and the bridge was torn from its abutments. It was carried downstream as far as the dam, where it lodged, forcing the water to flow over the north portion of the dam.

Soon after the wash out, a steel bridge was erected. As early as 1920 problems arose when one abutment began to tip. Rather than lose the bridge altogether, it was dismantled and in 1921-22 another steel bridge replaced it. This bridge was built by Hunter Bridge and Boiler Co. of Kincardine, and was of three span construction. The structure was originally the main street bridge in Chesley.

In 1978 the Maple Hill Bridge was again replaced when it was found to be unsafe. The concrete structure replacing the old steel bridge was constructed by Own King Construction of Walkerton.



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