

TRAYNOR'S BRIDGE

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There have been four bridges over the Saugeen River on lot 39, Con 2 & 3 SDR. The first bridge was built around 1855-56. It was an important bridge as it served the most populated area of the township at that time. Eventually this bridge was swept away by high water.

It was replaced by a second wooden bridge in 1882, and this structure was also washed out by the spring freshets of 1887. Construction of the new bridge began as soon as the water levels permitted. James Tolton and Hugh Wilson, members of Council, were responsible for getting the bridge, and Jacob Lambertus, later a caretaker of the bridge was paid \$5.00 for filling the abutments.

In 1888 a jam in the spring threatened to work out the newly erected bridge but the jam was removed safely and no further mishap occurred until the bridge gradually achieved a state of disrepair.

In the early 1900's the wooden bridge was replaced by a steel structure constructed by the Hunter Bridge and Boiler Co. and this bridge is still in use today.