

Keith's chronicles

In 1907, Andrew Walker moved to Russell from a farm in Metcalfe and bought a lumber mill business. In 1908 he purchased 30 acres on the north border of the village which is now the housing development near Dunlop and Maple Street.

Here he built the above building. On the

left was a feed mill and on the right a planing mill and lumber yard. He had established a leasing agreement with the NYC Railway for a siding and the planning mill was large enough to back a railroad car into and unload the lumber. This was the largest business of its kind in the area. The Mill burned in 1941.



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The bridge in the top picture is one of the first bridges to open the Castor River at the corner of the Russell-Metcalfe road and Boundary Road. After it had served the needs of the people for a number of years, the bridge under construction in the lower

picture was erected. This bridge was demolished a few years ago when Boundary Road was upgraded and opened as an exit road from Highway 417. These bridges were always known as Cochrane's Bridges to the locals.