



St. John's Presbyterian Church

This beautiful church – reminiscent of the trio in Mahone Bay – was built in 1874 by the Presbyterian congregation in Bridgewater. Their first church had been built in 1852 on St. Andrews Street and named St. John's Presbyterian Church, and the new one was named likewise. When the Methodists and Presbyterians across the country united to form the United Church of Canada in 1925, the Presbyterians and Methodists in Bridgewater did as well, though the use of two churches for one congregation soon lead to two United Church congregations. These reunited in 1848, and this church became the property of the Boy Scouts. It was eventually demolished, stealing from Bridgewater one of its most indulgent pieces of Gothic Revival architecture, once patronized by the Hebbs and Kochs (Cooks), amongst the founding families of Bridgewater. The site it formerly occupied – the west corner of the Maple Street and St. Andrews Street intersection – is now the site of apartment buildings.

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