



M.159 DBF277 c. 1890 - View from St. John's Presbyterian Church at the corner of Maple Street and St. Andrews Street

This is the view from the top of the tower of St. John's Presbyterian Church, at the corner of St. Andrews and Maple Streets, around 1890, before the Great Fire of 1899.

1. The former **Bridgewater Fire Hall**, used until 1922, located on St. Andrews Street. Built in Romanesque Revival Style of the Italian trend, best exemplified in the tower.
2. The original **Lutheran Church** in Bridgewater, the same location as the current one. The steeple is centred at the end of a gabled section, unlike most churches in Bridgewater. Note the finials around the edge of the spire, as well as the huge cathedral windows on the side. This was struck by lightning and burned down in 1905.
3. This was the **Temperance Hall**, until the 1890s the centre of town life, located at the corner of Pleasant Street and Beardsley Street (now Phoenix Street). This was called the Phoenix Chapter, and in *History of the County of Lunenburg*, Judge DesBrisay claims that it housed Canada's first Temperance Society, said to have been founded in 1825. This was removed between 1924 (appears on town insurance map) and 1955 (does not appear on town insurance map), replaced with a garage for Saunders motors. Note the steep roof.
4. Though hidden in the shadows of trees, this is the **railway station**, built in Romanesque Revival style. The railway came to Bridgewater in 1889, and the station was demolished after a mysterious fire in the early 1980s.
5. Visible over the top of the trees is the cupola of the **Pleasant Street School**, which was replaced by the Academy in 1914-1915, and which burned down in 1917.

The site, next to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, is now home to the St. Joseph's Parish Hall.