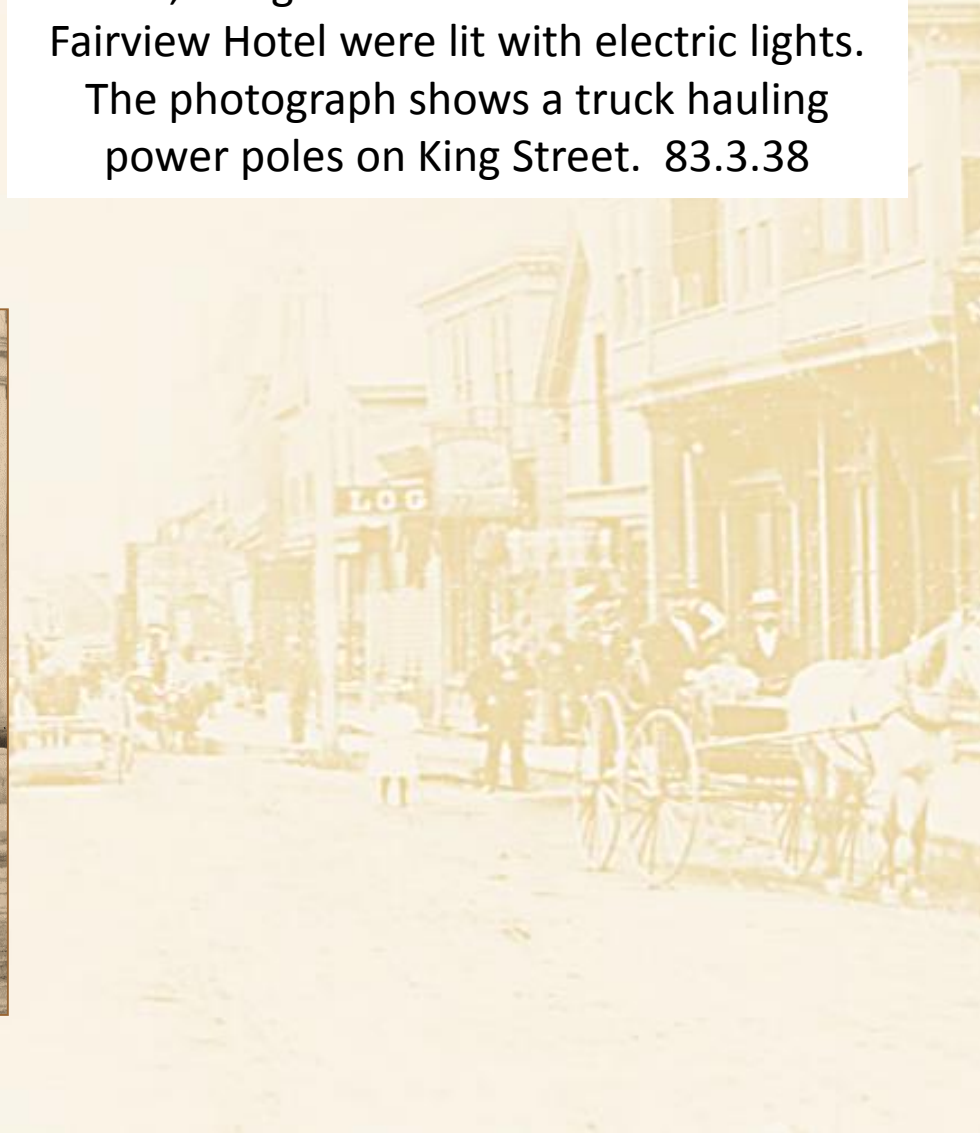


## FIRST ELECTRICITY IN BRIDGEWATER

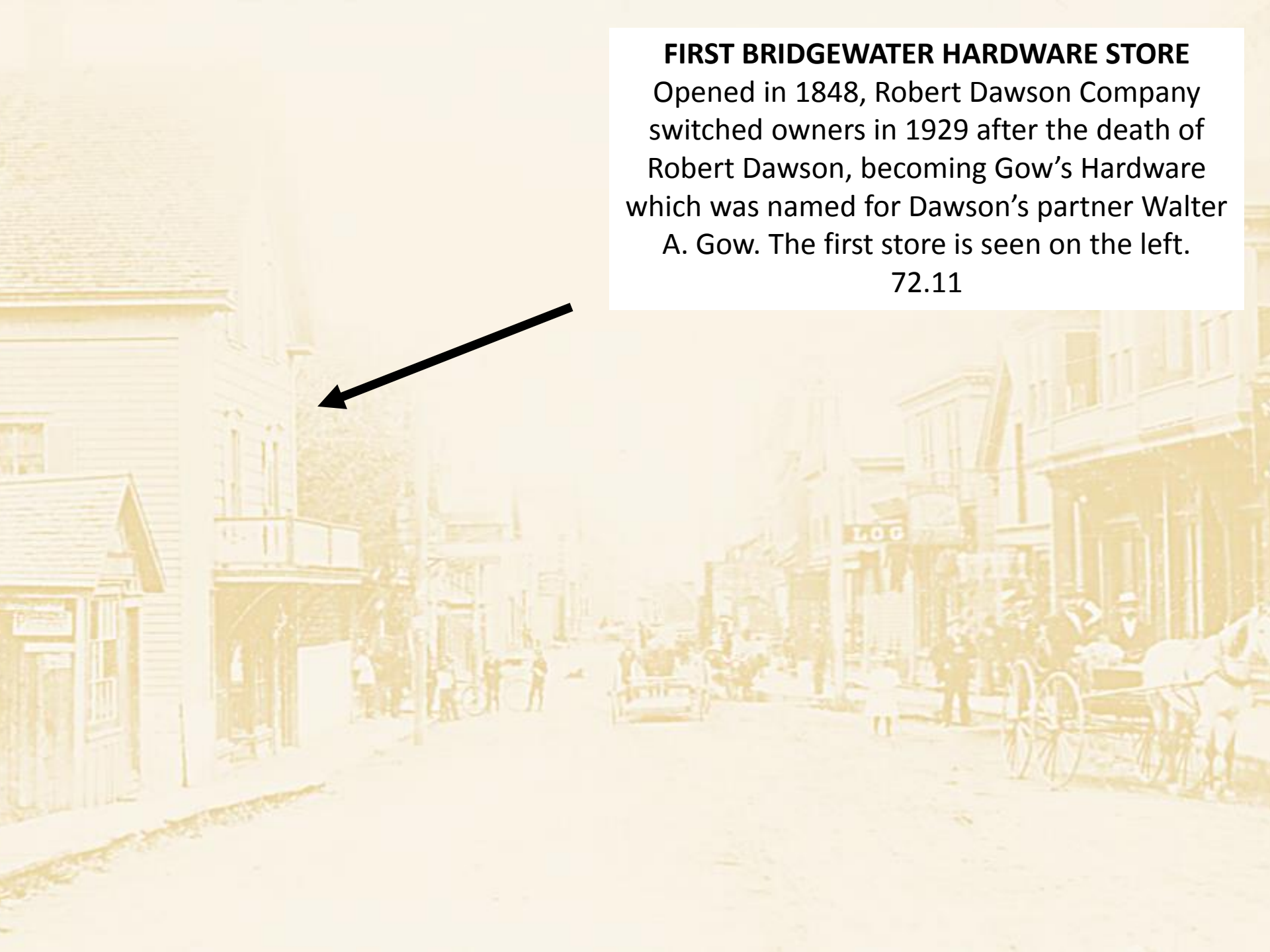
The Bridgewater Electric Light, Water and Power Company was formed in 1891. Soon after, Bridgewater's Music Hall and the Fairview Hotel were lit with electric lights. The photograph shows a truck hauling power poles on King Street. 83.3.38



**FIRST BRIDGEWATER HARDWARE STORE**

Opened in 1848, Robert Dawson Company switched owners in 1929 after the death of Robert Dawson, becoming Gow's Hardware which was named for Dawson's partner Walter A. Gow. The first store is seen on the left.

72.11



## **FIRST BRIDGEWATER FEMALE DOCTOR**

Dr. Victoria S. Ernst graduated from Dalhousie Medical College in 1900 returning to Bridgewater to practice. Previously a teacher, Ernst owned over 40 properties, Bridgewater's largest taxpayer at the time of her death in 1940 at the age of 84.

M 245 photo





### **FIRST BRIDGEWATER MAYOR**

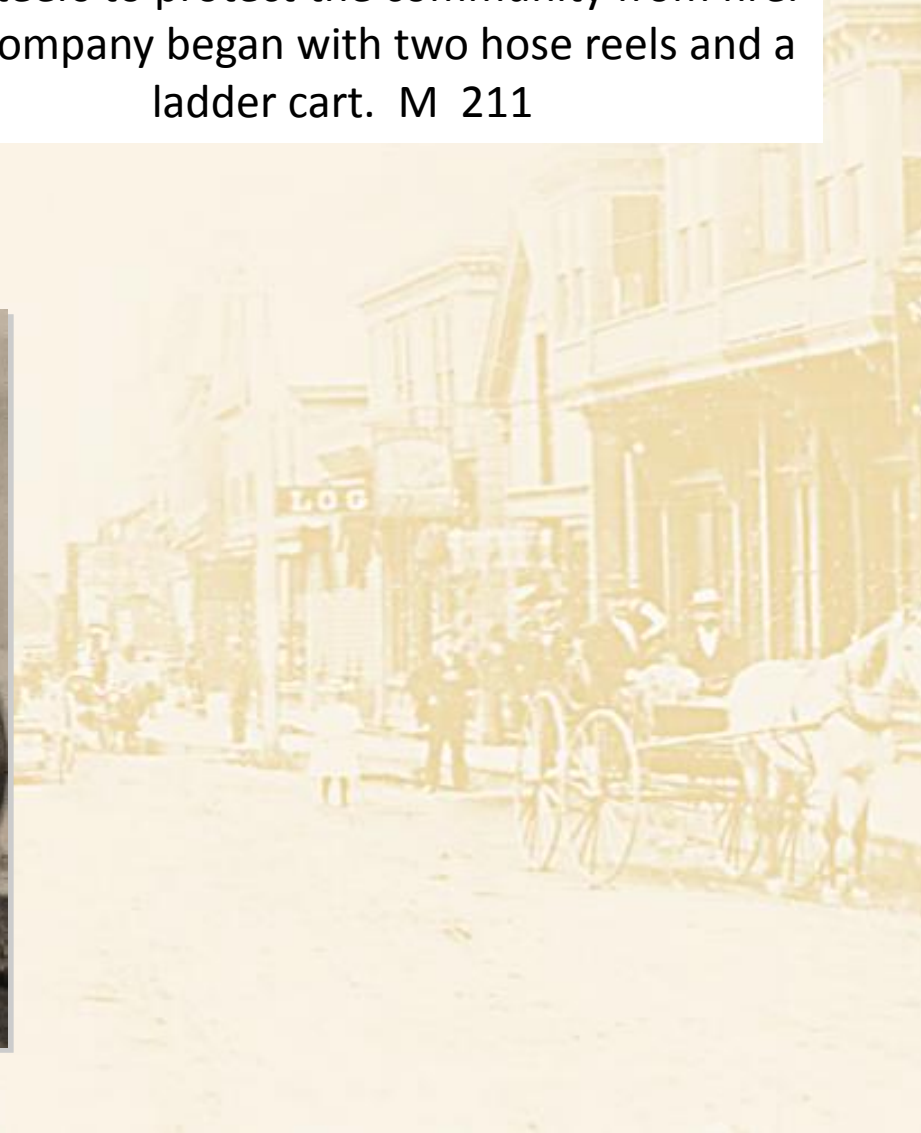
When Bridgewater was incorporated in 1899 its first Mayor was Francis (Frank) Davison who only served for one term. He was considered a captain of industry and also participated in the social life of his community as secretary and treasurer of the Bridgewater Fire Department and a member of the local School Board.

668.1



## FIRST BRIDGEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1876, Bridgewater's first Hook and Ladder protection Company was formed by 27 volunteers to protect the community from fire. The Company began with two hose reels and a ladder cart. M 211



## **FIRST BRIDGEWATER CHURCH**

In 1830 the Union Church was built, also known as the “Lord’s Barn” because of its shelter given to animals when the doors were open during construction. The church also served as a temporary schoolhouse. This church was located where the Baptist Church has stood for many years on King Street. 695



## FIRST BRIDGEWATER LOCOMOTIVE

Although Judge DesBrisay raised the issue of a railway for Lunenburg County in 1873, the actual locomotive did not arrive in Bridgewater until 1888 brought by the schooner the Jane Ingram. In the following months the railway began to ship goods and passengers across the land. U 134



## FIRST BRIDGEWATER BAND

Bridgewater's first band was organized in the late 1860's and was attached to the 68th Kings County Regiment for many years, led by Charles Jeffries. It later became the Citizen's Band followed by the Fire Department Band which still exists today. 86.51

