

HISTORIC SITE

The Bridge Works

The area from Sherbrooke Street to the CPR tracks and east of George Street was a major manufacturing site from the 1870s, when it was occupied by Robert Romaine's brick factory. From the 1880s to 1900 it was the home of the Central Bridge Company, then known locally as the Bridge Works, a fairly large complex of buildings that manufactured road and railway bridges, and whose other uses included a pea warehouse and roller-skating rink. Over many years warehousing and manufacturing facilities shared the block, as did Canadian Tire from the 1960s to the 1980s. A spur track close to the main line of the CPR and extending up to the Quaker Oats factory serviced the area, and included a landmark circular turntable to let the engines turn around on a very tight radius.

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