

GRANTHAM FAIRGROUND BRIDGE ABUTMENT

43.5141 N, 72.1340 W

The stone abutments you see once supported a bridge that led from the old Route 10 across Skinner Brook to the North Grantham Fairgrounds.

Agricultural fairs were popular in the late 19th and early 20th century. Grantham had several fairgrounds managed by the Blue Mountain Grange, which was organized in 1874. In 1947 the Grange purchased 6.5 acres in the middle of what is now

Brookside Park and created the North Grantham fairground. The new fairground was used for only a few years, with the last known fair occurring in 1951. With the



construction of I-89 and the disappearance of most of the farms in the community, the fairground was abandoned in the mid-1950s. The accompanying pictures, showing the 1951 fair, were provided by the Grantham Historic Society.