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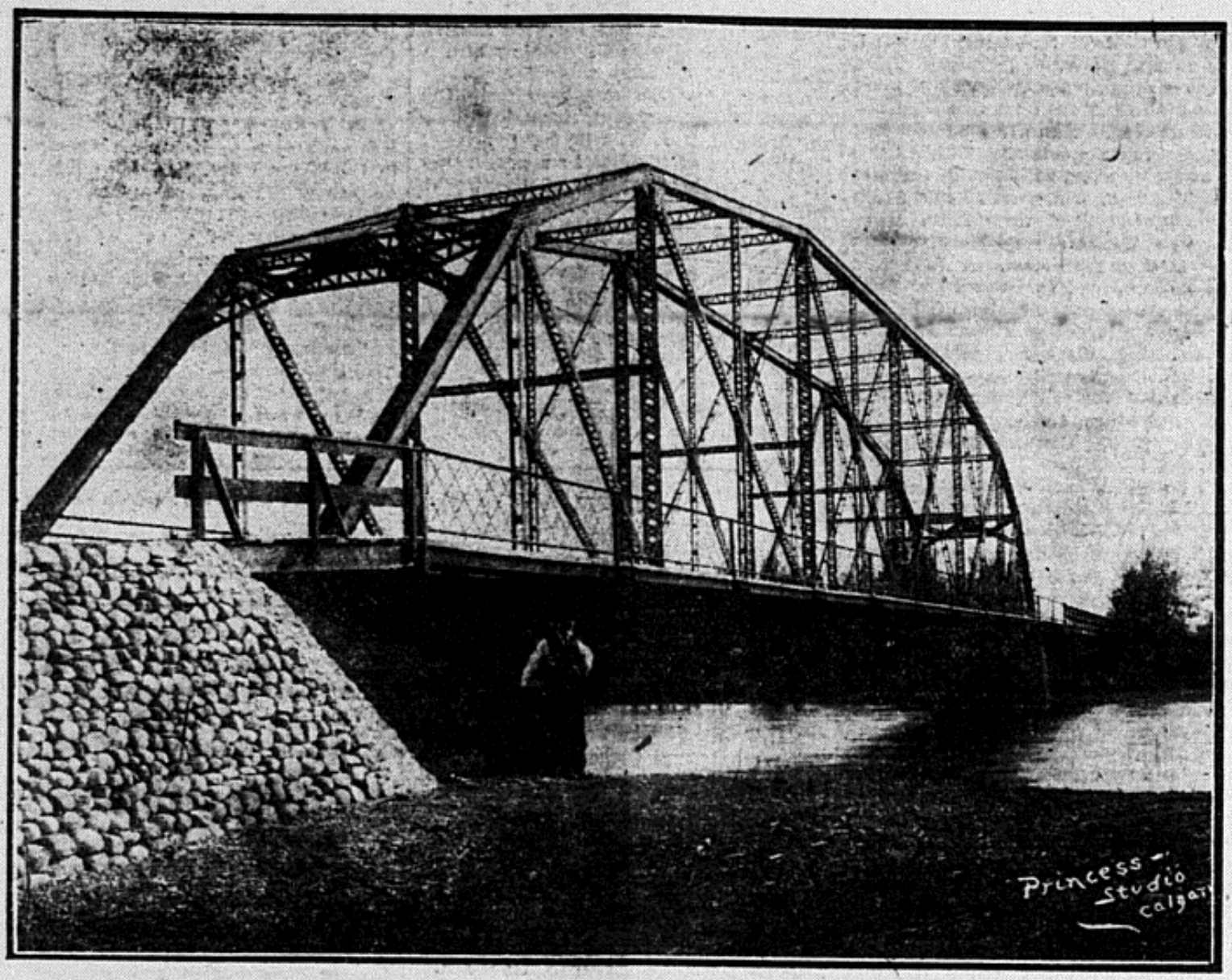

THE ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND BRIDGE WHICH WAS COMPLETED YESTERDAY.

The St. George's Island bridge across the Bow river on Eleventh street east, joining the mainland to the island park, is now completed and open for traffic.

The bridge was designed and built by the Algoma Steel Bridge Co. of Winnipeg, Man., and consists of one steel span 252 feet in length, with six foot walks and 18 foot roadway. It sits on steel and concrete foundations of substantial design and has a capacity of 100 pounds to the square foot of roadway.

The approaches are 330 feet in length and are built with roadway and walks to correspond with the steel span, making a fine and ornamental crossing to the island 582 feet in length. The bridge was erected under the supervision of R. H. McLean, superintendent of construction for the Bridge Co., who has had a wide experience in such work on both highway and railroad bridges, and has supervised the erection of some of the largest bridges in the Northwest.

He had with him a good crew of workmen, his head foreman being A. D. Lloyd, of Neepawa, Man., with Ford McKee as assistant. Mr. McKee prides himself on being a Scotch Canadian, having been born in Granby, Shefford County, P. Q.

Upon inspection of the bridge, City Engineer Hill accepted the work as having been well done and fully up to specifications and contract. He remarked that it was one of the most satisfactory contracts that have been done for the city, both as regards work and business transactions. The bridge is a credit to the city and to the contractors who built it.

It is expected that a formal opening will be held in the near future.