

# **Golden Fleece Bridge 1881**

**Compare this photo with the one of almost 30 years later in 1910. In 1881, the wharf structures are the same, but the township is clearly much smaller and the only visible building in the photograph other than wharf structures is the Government Residence (now the site of the courthouse).**

**Built by shipwright John Bradley, the Golden Fleece Bridge across Medea's Cove at Jason's Gates is newly completed in this shot.**

**Note the wrought iron balustrades and huon pine hand rails. The wrought iron hand rail supports were originally produced at the Salisbury Foundry in Launceston and were retrieved from the local tip face in 2006 by the then St Helens History Room curator, Sue Briginshaw.**

**The balustrades are now at the entrance of the Portland Hall and also serve as seats outside the St Helens library.**