

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

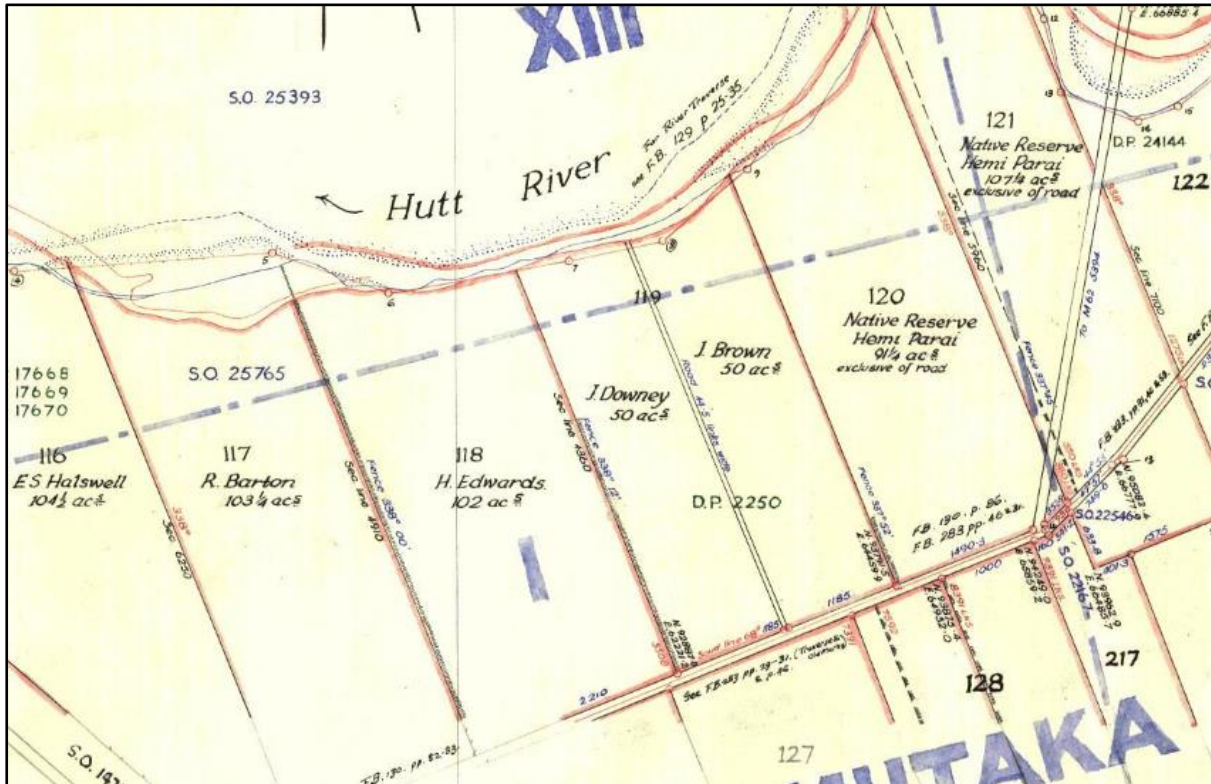
<u>Time Line</u>	<u>Provincial Hotel owners, licences, & events</u>
1876	Joseph Ames was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1877	Horace Ames was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1878	Walter Bishop was the proprietor of Provincial Hotel also known as Bishop's Hotel
1878	Coroner's inquest held at the house of Walter Bishop Provincial Hotel
1881	Charles Edward Shortt was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1882	Provincial Hotel was the property of Messrs Johnson and Co
1882	Charles E Cudby was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1889	Fire in kitchen of the Provincial Hotel
1889	John McIntosh had an accident outside the Provincial Hotel
1889	Charles John Johnston was the owner of the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt
1889	Victor Granville was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1889	William Frederick Richards was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1889	Fire destroyed the Provincial Hotel after 13 years of service
1889	The Provincial Hotel was rebuilt and opened in November 1889
1889	Elizabeth Woods (widow) was the new tenant of the Provincial Hotel
1890	Elizabeth Wood the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel married Edward Till
1890	Edward Till applied for the license of the Provincial Hotel
1890	Charles John Johnstone was still the owner of the Provincial Hotel
1891	Coroner's inquest for Edwin Pyke was held at the Provincial Hotel
1892	Coroner's inquest for Annie Jeromson was held at the Provincial Hotel
1895	Messrs Staples & Co. were the owners of the Provincial Hotel
1895	George Herbert Langdon was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1896	Samuel Kerr Milligan was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1897	James Butler was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1898	Florence O'Leary [male] was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1899	Catherine Agnes O'Leary held Provincial Hotel license with consent of husband
1907	Charles Henry Williams was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1909	Mr Campbell applied of the license for the Provincial Hotel
1909	Alexander Armstrong was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1910	Mrs Florence May Paulsen was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1911	Richard Quinn was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1911	Provincial Hotel Stables (including horses) were destroyed by fire
1912	Ernest Crabtree was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1913	Messrs Staples and Co Ltd were the owners of the Provincial Hotel
1914	Provincial Hotel severely shaken and damaged from Bengé & Pratt explosion
1914	Mary Ellen Young was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1914	A defective chimney caught alight with minimal damage done to the hotel
1916	Hotels upstairs curtains caught alight with little damage done to the room
1919	Thomas Quinn was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1925	Lewis Marton (Lou) Naylor was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1926	Henry (Harry) Marshall was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1934	Thomas Fisher was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel
1937	New Zealand Breweries Limited became owners of the Provincial Hotel
1938	NZ Breweries leased the Provincial Hotel to Thomas Fisher for 3 years
1951	Thomas Fisher held the license for the Provincial Hotel
1955	Vincent Smith held the license for the Provincial Hotel
1955	Vincent Smith died suddenly in hospital
1955	Mr Fleming held the license for the Provincial Hotel
1955	Wilfred Fenton held the license for the Provincial Hotel
1964	Wilfred Fenton held the license for the Provincial Hotel
1966	Geoffrey Edward Winters held the license for the Provincial Hotel
1969	Application to change Provincial Hotel Licences to Tavern Premise License

1972 Provincial hotel applied to become a Tavern
1991 Provincial Tavern closed

The Provincial Hotel was built in part section 119 on the Main Street in Upper Hutt. James BROWN and John DOWNEY were granted around 50 acres each of Section 119.

On 23 February 1876 the newly built Provincial Hotel was opened and Joseph Ames held the first license. The Hotel was situated on the Main road in the Upper Hutt in the middle of the business area on the site were the National bank now operates.

Section No 119



(Reference saved as 1864MapUHTownJGillardWNC_SO_10985_1_4.jpg)

Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1876

Mr Joseph Ames the proprietor of the newly-erected Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt has invited a number of his friends to luncheon on Wednesday next on the occasion of its opening.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1876 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1876

Mr. Joseph Ames new Provincial Hotel at the Upper Hutt was opened formally yesterday by a most excellent luncheon at which a large number of our leading citizens were present. Mr George Crawford MPC presided, and Mr Cruickshank acted as vice-chairman. The chairman proposed the health of the host, who acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms. Mr Dransfield proposed the health of Sir Julius Vogel in a speech of high encomium. When loyal, patriotic, and local toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the company separated, after a very pleasant meeting. An open supper was given in the evening to the Government labourers and working men generally, who evidently appreciated it highly. Mr Ames deserves praise for having established one of the best hotels in the province, and we hope that it will bring him in not only credit but cash.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1876 page 2)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 26 February 1876

The opening of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, Mr Joseph Ames proprietor, was celebrated on Wednesday by a gathering of friends at a capital spread. There were about forty gentlemen from town present, and it is not too much to say that the affair was more than a success. The company comprised individuals capable of doing justice to such an occasion, and of imparting to it a character of heartiness that made everything extremely pleasant, and as the preparations of the host were on a most liberal and refined scale, there was nothing wanting. Mr George Crawford occupied the chair, Mr. Cruickshank, a resident of long standing in the Upper Hutt, being in the vice-chair. Among those present were many of the oldest inhabitants of the province. The usual preliminary toasts having been honoured, Mr Crawford proposed the health of our host, a son of one of the very earliest settlers in New Zealand, and Mr Ames having suitably responded, Mr Dransfield gave then the health of Sir Julius Vogel, making an excellent speech, in which he commented favourably upon the scheme of public works inaugurated by the Premier, and spoke in glowing terms of the prosperity that had arisen out of the scheme. Mr Cruickshank responded to the toast, the Upper Hutt Settlers. The toast of The Ministry followed. Mr Griffiths then proposed The Superintendent, Inspector Atchison responding. In the evening the railway employees and others engaged in the district were treated to a spread, which was done ample justice to, and conviviality and general enjoyment prevailed. Of the hotel itself, which Mr Ames has just erected, we may say that it is unequalled by any house outside the city, and is excelled by few within it. It affords ample accommodation for travellers and families visiting the district, and we have no hesitation in predicting for the proprietor a prosperous business career

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 26 February 1876)

Provincial Hotel also known as Ames Hotel



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street looking east P3-22-87)

Evening Post newspaper 18 March 1876 (plus other dates)

Notice to Contractors Deviation West Coast Road Mungaroa to Waikanae

Provincial Secretary's Office Wellington 18th March 1876

Tenders will be received at this office up to noon of Thursday the 06th day of April for the construction of 300 chains of bridle track on the above lie of road. Plans and specifications may be seen at Ames Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and Provincial Engineer's Office here. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Henry Bunny Provincial Secretary

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 March 1876)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 01 April 1876

The Argus says - The Upper Hutt Township is now going ahead in a most wonderful manner new buildings, of all descriptions, are going up, and new branches of business being established. Amongst these may be specially mentioned the saddlery and harness shop erected for Mr T Lowes. The shop is situated close to the Provincial Hotel, almost directly opposite to the railway-station. It is large and commodious, with a show window which would do credit to any similar establishment in the city, and the stock has been selected with that judgment and attention to appearance and quality for which Mr Lowes bears such a well established reputation. Already the Upper Hutt branch of Mr Lowes business gives employment to two bands, and the premises are even yet scarcely completed. To the large number of settlers in the neighbourhood, and to travellers and carters on the Wairarapa road the facilities offered by this new business at the Hutt will be of great advantage. Between Mr Lowes and the Provincial Hotel a large general store is being built for Mr Burt and the Bank of New Zealand has obtained a site, and in arranging for the erection of premises for an agency at the Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 01 April 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1876

It is intended to hold athletic sports at the Upper Hutt on Queen's Birthday. Mr Joseph Ames proprietor of the Criterion Hotel is exerting himself actively to ensure the success of the affair and the railway authorities have promised to run excursion trains on the occasion

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1876)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 May 1876

The people of the Upper Hutt have determined upon holding sports there on the Queen's Birthday. Mr Smith manager of the railways having offered to run excursion trains on that occasion on condition of sports being held there. Mr Ames of the Criterion Hotel has himself in the matter and preparations are to be made for outdoor amusement on a proper scale. Should they succeed the Upper Hutt will receive a good number of visitors from Wellington city.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 May 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 24 July 1876

On Saturday evening, on the arrival of the train at the Upper Hutt, or when about 300 yards from the railway station, the engine driver saw what he first supposed to be a man on the railway line. He immediately reversed the engines, but before the speed was sufficiently slackened, the engine came in contact with what proved to be a horse. The cowcatcher caught the animal, and turned him over, throwing him off the line, but in doing so, one of the legs was cut off close to the fetlock. The horse had, a few minutes previously, been seen in the paddock, but had apparently strayed with others on to the line, the others escaping before the engine reached them. The horse was a valuable cart-horse, belonging to Mr Ames, of the Provincial Hotel. Though at other stations the line is fenced, there is not at this particular station sufficient fencing to prevent animals from straying on to the line, and hence the accident. It was fortunate that speed was slackened, otherwise the collision might have been as "awkward" for the engine as for the animal.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 July 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 02 & 07 October 1876

We learn that Mr Joseph Ames of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt has arranged with Mr V Moody for the lease of the Lincoln's Inn Hotel on the site of the old Crown and Anchor on Lambton Quay the building of which is to be pushed on so as to be completed in time for the quarterly licensing

meeting in December next. We cannot imagine the reason that induced Mr Moody to change the name of the hotel but the new building will greatly improve the appearance of the locality. Mr Ames is well known as one of the best boating men in Wellington and will no doubt be welcomed back by his old comrades of the Star Club. We wish him every success.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 02 & 07 October 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 13 October 1876 (plus other dates)

Sports Athletic Sports will be held in a paddock near the Upper Hutt Railway Station on 09th November (Prince of Wales Birthday) Entrances for all Handicaps to be sent into Ames Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt [various details about the Committee members, the races and the railway authorities having a late train for the event]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 October 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 08 November 1876

Mr Joseph Ames has obtained an extension of the license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt for the Princes of Wales birthday

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 08 November 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 November 1876 (plus other dates)

Several thousand people in the aggregate must have left town by train and of these despite the picnics on hand quite a goodly number attended the sports at the Upper Hutt having first worked off the fatigues of their trip by a capital dinner provided by Messrs Ames of the Provincial Hotel which was so substantial in its character that it stood more than a couple of relays of visitors. The sports themselves commenced a little before one o'clock [other results of the races etc.] Most of the town visitors left for Wellington by the 5.40 train and with additions at the Lower Hutt numbered nearly a thousand people [other details not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 November 1876)

In 1877 Horace AMES was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel

New Zealand Times newspaper 02 December 1876

The licenses of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was transferred yesterday from Mr Joseph Ames to his brother Mr H [Horace] Ames.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 02 December 1876 [Horace])

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 December 1876

Transfers Joseph Ames of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Horace Ames.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 December 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1876

New Licenses Lincoln's Inn Mr Stafford appeared for the applicant Joseph Ames. Inspector Atchison opposed on the grounds that the building was not yet in existence. The application was refused. Mr Stafford applied for an adjournment of the case but Inspector Atchison contended that the decision must be final and the Bench adhered to the refusal

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 December 1876

Neil McKenna for being drunk and disorderly at the Upper Hutt was fined 10s and costs and ordered to pay £2 for damage done by him to the property of Mr Joseph Ames at the Provincial Hotel.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 November 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 13 December 1876

Mr Crawford RM had several cases to dispose of at the Hutt to-day in some of which counsel were engaged also an application for the transfer of the Provincial Hotel license from Joseph Ames to Horace Ames.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 December 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 09 January 1877

To be raffled at Valentine Railway Hotel Lower Hutt on Saturday 13th January at 7 o'clock – That well-known Lincoln Stallion “Young General” [information about the stallion] For Tickets apply early to Ames Provincial Hotel [plus other hotels in the Wellington district]

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 09 January 1877)

New Zealand Times newspaper 11 April 1877 (plus other dates)

Leasehold Upper Hutt adjoining Ames Provincial Hotel with shop and premises late in the occupation of Mr Lowes saddler 21 years lease with right of renewal.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 11 April 1877)

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 & 16 June 1877

Provincial Hotel – Horace Ames applied for a renewal of the license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. The constable of the district had lodged a complaint against Mr Ames to the effect that a drunken woman who made her appearance in the Police Court some days ago had been served with drink in the Provincial Hotel. It was found however that there was nothing in the complaint the women having obtained the bottle of spirits found upon her from another house. The bench granted the license.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 & 16 June 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1877

Provincial Hotel - Horatio Ames applied for a renewal of the license for this house. It appeared that a complaint which had been made against him for supplying liquor to a drunken man had no truth in it, and the Bench being satisfied of this, granted the license.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1877 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 16 & 18 June 1877

Wanted a Waiter for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt - Apply sharp at Star Hotel.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 16 & 18 June 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 01 September 1877

Petty Larceny - A middle aged man named John Smith was charged with having stolen two pairs of trousers on the 28th Ultimo, from a coach outside the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, the property of one Frederick Fletcher, a lodger at the place. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and stated by way of excuse that he had been drinking, and did not know what he was about at the time he committed the offence. He appeared to be known to the police, Inspector Atcheson characterising him as one of those loafing vagabonds in the habit of prowling about hotels in quest of plunder. He was sentenced to two months imprisonment, with hard labour.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 01 September 1877 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 11 September 1877 (plus other dates)

Notice to Contractors Mungaroa to Waikanae Line of Road

Hutt County Engineer's Office 12th September 1877

Tenders will be received up to noon on Tuesday the 25th day of September for the Construction of about 83 Chins of Road on the above line. Plans and specifications may be seen at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and above office. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W A Fitzherbert Hutt County Engineer

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 September 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 04 October 1877 (plus other dates)

Wanted two Carpenters for Upper Hutt apply Star Hotel or to Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 October 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1877 (plus other dates)

Wanted a smart Waiter Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 23 November 1877 (plus other dates)

A Butler MD Surgeon of Wellington attends at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Thursday and Fridays from 10 to 4.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 23 November 1877 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 20 February 1878 (plus other dates)
Wanted a Waiter or Waitress for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – Apply Star Hotel
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 20 February 1878 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 05 April 1878
A Maori on the Bench - Mokena, a Maori, was charged with larceny. It appeared that the prisoner, when drunk, went into the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, and there seized and carried away a basket of groceries which had been temporarily left in the bar by another man. He then went to the Criterion Hotel and left the basket there. As it was evident that the Maori had no felonious intention, but was having a drunken spree, he was discharged with a caution.
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 April 1878 page 3)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 April 1878
A charge against a Maori named Mokeno of stealing a bag containing groceries from the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was dismissed as it appeared that accused had taken the bag in mistake for one of his own.
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 April 1878)

Evening Post newspaper 30 July 1878
Mr P K Watty has just negotiated the sale of the lease of the provincial Hotel Lower Hutt from Mr Horace Ames to Mr Walter Bishop late of the Duff's Hotel Cuba Street. We understand that £2500 was paid for the lease (which has nineteen years to run) and goodwill the furniture and stock to be taken at a valuation. Mr Bishop enters into possession on 01st August
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 July 1878)

In 1878 Walter BISHOP became the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

On the 01 August 1878 Walter Bishop leased the Provincial Hotel. The hotel also became known locally as the Bishop's Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 06 August 1878 (plus other dates)
Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt - Walter Bishop (late CT) has much pleasure in announcing that he has entered into possession of the above hotel, and promises that all who favour him with their patronage will receive every possible attention at his hands comfort, cleanliness, and civility being his motto. Excellent bedroom accommodation. A first-class table is kept, and the wines, spirits, &c, are all of the best brands. Good stabling and paddocks.
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 06 August 1878 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 12 September 1878
The quarterly licensing meeting for the Hutt District was held at Lower Hutt yesterday before the Licensing Commissioners - The following transfer were granted from Mr Ames to Mr Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt [plus other hotels]
(Reference Papers past newspaper Evening Post newspaper 12 September 1878 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 13 & 14 September 1878
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(Reference Papers past newspaper New Zealand Times newspaper 13 & 14 September 1878 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 24 September 1878
Births – Bishop – On the 13th instant at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt the wife of Mr W Bishop of a son
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 September 1878)

Cecil Percy Lovell BISHOP was born 13 September 1878 at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt New Zealand to parents Sarah and Walter Bishop.
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio website 1878/15997 parents Sarah and Walter Bishop)

Evening Post newspaper 24 September 1878 (plus other dates)
For Sale about 1000 dozen of bottles cheap apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 September 1878)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 October 1878 (plus other dates and newspapers)
We hear from very good authority that Mr Watty has sold Mr Haynes interest in the Newton Hotel to Mr Horace Ames late of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt for the sum of £2000 - Possession to be given shortly.
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 October 1878)

Evening Post newspaper 07 October 1878
A Young Criminal - Selina Smith, aged 14, was charged, on remand, with stealing a pair of earrings and money of the total value of 36s, the property of Martha Chilton, of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt. There was a second charge against the prisoner of stealing a gold pin, value 25s, the property of Timothy Toomey. It appeared that after the girl ran away from her home at Carterton, she stayed for one night at Toomey's house at the Upper Hutt. After she left he missed the pin. The girl obtained a situation at the Provincial Hotel, and the pin was found in a Maori kit belonging to her, at the hotel. Mrs Chilton was too ill to attend the Court, and therefore the first charge was not gone into. The prisoner's mother said she had reason to believe that her daughter had been subject to temporary fits of insanity during the last twelve months. Mr Mansford reserved his decision.
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 07 October 1878 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 25 October 1878 (plus other dates)
Hutt County Council Mungaroa to Waikanae Contract No 3
Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Tuesday the 12th November for the Construction of about 160 Chains of Road on the above line. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and at the County Engineers office here. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W A Fitzherbert County Engineer
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 October 1878)

Evening Post newspaper 03 January 1879 (plus other dates)
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(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 03 January 1879)

Evening Post newspaper 10 March 1879
Walter Grey and John Smith were each fined 5s and Allen McNaughton and Charles Smith 10s each for drunkenness. Stephen Rutter was charged with a similar offence. Prisoner said that he was bitten by a dog. He came over sick and faint and did not remember what took place afterwards. Constable Lyster however deposed to arresting the prisoner in a state of drunkenness and Mr Bishop Landlord of the Provincial Hotel stated that the prisoner ordered a dinner and a large bottle of ale for which he refused to pay. Mr Mansford said he had nothing to do with the debt. For the drunkenness he fined his 5s.
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 March 1879)

Evening Post newspaper 14 March 1879 (plus other dates)
Wanted a good Bushman accustomed to using jacks, wages 9s 6d per day of eight hours. None but good men need apply W Whiteman Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 March 1879)

New Zealand Times newspaper 19 June 1879
Hutt Licensing Court Annual Meeting Wednesday 18 June
The following renewals of licenses were granted W Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus other hotels)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 19 June 1879)

Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1879

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Court was held yesterday when the following licenses were renewed – W Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – (plus others)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1879 page 2)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 21 June 1879

Hutt Licensing Court Annual Meeting Wednesday 18 June

The following renewals of licenses were granted W Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus other hotels)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 21 June 1879)

Evening Post newspaper 05 July 1879

Walter Bishop Upper Hutt will not be responsible for any debts incurred by my wife Sarah Bishop from this date – Walter Bishop Upper Hutt 05th July

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 July 1879 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 11 July 1879

Fire at Mungaroo

An inquest was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt yesterday before Dr Wilson coroner touching a fire by which the premises of Robert Macdonald Mungaroo were destroyed on the 25th June last. Mr Walter Bishop was chosen as foreman of the jury. Mr Stevenson watched the case on behalf of the National Insurance Company.

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 11 July 1879)

Evening Post newspaper 29 July 1879 (plus other dates)

If Luggage marked "Henry Castor" and Box with no name left at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt is not claimed within fourteen days will be sold to pay expenses – W Bishop 29th July

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 29 July 1879)

Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1879 (plus other dates)

Notice to Friendly Societies Picnic Parties and Others

The undersigned has First class Paddocks (all fenced) well adopted for Sports, Picnics, Pleasure Parties, and Amusements of all descriptions which will be lent to Respectable Parties on holiday occasion Free of Charge apply W Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1879)

17 March 1880 Coroner's report on fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi Upper Hutt

An Inquest indent taken from our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Walter Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the Eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty before John G F Wilford one of the corners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi upon the oath of *Isaac Wilkins foreman, George Hall, James Martin, Alexander Cruickshank, William Corbett, Charles Kippel, William Collins, William Jones, Martin Scully, Samuel Smith, William Harrison and James Stevens* good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when how and by what means the said fire at Golden Fleece Hotel originated do upon their oaths say that *The Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi was destroyed by fire on Tuesday March 2nd 1880 but how the fire originated there is not sufficient evidence to show.*

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day

J G F Wilford coroner - Isaac Wilkins foreman – William Collins – George Hall – William Jones – Jas Martin – Martin Scully – A Cruickshank – Sam Smith – William Corbett – William Harrison – Charles Kippel – James Stevens his X mark - Witnesses – David Lyster – Arthur Warren
and

The above named deposition of William Valentine Jackson - William Nord Gibraith – Edward Morgan – John Gibraith – James Hamlin Farr – Catherine Blanford – Louis Marshall – George Cooper written on twelve pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to twelve and by me

affixed together were taken and sworn before me at the Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the eleventh day of March 1880 J G F Wilford Coroner

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24385042 ACGS 16211 J1 262 av 1880/1148 Coroner Upper Hutt date 17 March 1880 subject inquest proceedings on fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pukuritahi year 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1880 (plus other dates)

A Public meeting will be held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Thursday Evening next at 7.30 pm to form a Deputation to wait on the Minister of Public Works with the object of continuing the Sunday trains to the Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1880

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather last night a large and influential meeting was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to select a deputation to wait on the Hon the Minister for Public Works with a view of introducing him to retain the present Sunday trains to Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 26 May 1880

The Recent Railway Accident

At the Upper Hutt yesterday an inquest was held at the Provincial Hotel before Dr Hacon Deputy Coroner upon the body of William Kemp who was killed on the 22nd at Silverstream, by a train passing over him. There were seven witnesses examined, and the enquiry lasted about two hours. The evidence brought to light the following facts, Deceased, William Kemp, was a ship's carpenter, and had been working at Prouse's sawmills, Whiteman's Valley. On the 22nd instant he was a passenger by the 4.45 train from Wellington to Silverstream, and was, when he entered the train, quite sober. He was in a second-class carriage, which contained two other passengers, and had a large sized flask of brandy with him of which he partook freely. On arriving at Silverstream he was quite drunk, and went to sleep inside the station. He was observed on the station when the next Hutt train passed, talking to some people. About 6 pm a plate-layer named Harland saw him sitting in the station in a state of intoxication, and left him these. This witness said he knew there was a special train expected to pass soon, but he had no duties in connection with the station. When the special train came up at 7.55 it was felt to go over something. The fireman, Henry Adams, had noticed an object lying on the edge of the platform. The train was then going six miles an hour. The object he saw on the platform fell off, and was recognised as being a man's body. An alarm was given, and the train pulled up in 40 or 50 yards, but the man had been cut through the middle, and his legs, arms, and back broken. The matter was reported to Constable Lyster, who had the remains conveyed to the Provincial Hotel. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that William Kemp, while in a state of intoxication, was accidentally killed by the train passing over him.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 May 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1880

A public meeting is advertised to be held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in reference to the proposal of the Government to withdraw the police from that district. The residents believe that much inconvenience will be the result if this is done. The district is a large one there being about 30 miles of road exclusive of the main road which extends from the Taita to the top of the Rimutaka and if it is left without adequate police protection the consequences may be very unpleasant.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1880

Notice – A public meeting will be held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Wednesday Evening next at 7 o'clock to consider the expediency of abolishing the Police Office in the district as intended by the Government.

J Cruickshank – J Brown – E Morgan – Upper Hutt 19th July 1880

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 22 July 1880

At a sitting of the Resident Magistrates Court held at the Upper Hutt yesterday before Messrs Edward Shaw RM and J D Cruickshank a man named Jessie O'Kell was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour for having stolen a number of umbrella sticks valued at 30s from the Provincial Hotel belonging to Valentine Shott.

And

Pursuant to advertisement a crowded meeting of settlers of the district was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt last night to urge on the Government the inexpediency of abolishing the police station at the Upper Hutt as proposed in a letter from the Chief of Police telling the local constable to close the station at the end of the present month and remove to Wellington. On the motion of Mr James Brown seconded by Mr J D Cruickshank JP, Mr Edward Morgan was voted to the chair. The chairman having stated the object of the meeting Mr Cruickshank explained very forcibly the necessity that exists for a peace officer and proposed the following resolution – That this meeting is of the opinion that it is most inexpedient to abolish the police office in this district and that a memorial be drawn up and signed by the residents protesting against abolishing the office and asking the Minister of Justice that the question may be further considered. The memorial when signed to be presented to the Minister by a deputation consisting of J Brown, W Bishop, the chairman and the mover, also that Mr Mason as member for the district and Dr Wilford as coroner be requested to accompany the deputation. The memorial was then drawn up by the Chairman and signed by those present.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 July 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1880

Deaths – Bishop – Mrs Walter Bishop of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

And

The Friends of Mr Walter Bishop of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt are respectfully requested to attend the funeral of his late wife Sarah Elizabeth funeral on Wednesday the 03rd instant leaving residence at half past 2 pm – E Morgan undertaker

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 02 November 1880 page 2 & 3)

Sarah Elizabeth BISHOP died 01 November 1880 Upper Hutt New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1880 folio website 1880/4112 age 30 born about 1850)

Evening Post newspaper 13 November 1880

Strayed on my premises about the 27th of October one black harness Horse about 14 hands high no visible brands and one bay Mare about 13 hands high white star on forehead. By applying at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and paying expenses owners can have the same. If not claimed will be sold by auction

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 November 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1880 (plus other dates)

The Public meeting arranged to be held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday 04th December with a view of establishing an industry on the locality is adjourned to Monday the 06th instant at 8 pm. A Cruickshank Secretary

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1880)

Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1881 (plus other dates)

Wanted a good man Coö apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1881 (plus other dates)

Wanted an English person as Housekeeper and to look after two children

Apply immediately Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 12 April 1881 (plus other dates)

Wanted a lad to make himself generally useful, one who can play the piano

Apply immediately Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 April 1881)

In 1881 Charles Edward Shortt became the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 21 May 1881

A Temporary transfer has been granted of the licence of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt from Mr W Bishop to Mr Charles Edward Shortt [sic Shortt].

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 21 May 1881 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 May 1881

The license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was on application to the Licensing Committee on Saturday last temporary transferred from Mr W Bishop to Mr C H Shortt.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 May 1881)

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 May 1881 (plus other dates)

Queen's Birthday Excursionists and Picnic Parties can be provided with Luncheon &c., at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – Trains leave at 11.30 am returning at 3.30 pm return fares 5s – C E Shortt.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 May 1881)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 28 May 1881

The license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was on application to the Licensing Commission on Saturday last temporary transferred from Mr W Bishop to Mr C H Shortt.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 28 May 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 16 June 1881 (plus other dates)

Wanted a General Servant one accustomed to plain cooking Apply Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 June 1881)

The above article did not state whether it was the Upper Hutt or Wellington Provincial Hotel

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 July 1881

False Pretences – Mark Baylis was charged with obtaining 26s from Charles Edward Short the landlord of the Provincial Hotel of the Upper Hutt. The prisoner became the guest of Mr Short on the 12th instant and on setting up his account he wrote out a cheque for £5 on the Bank of New Zealand at Carterton receiving a receipted bill and 26s charged. The cheque on presentation was returned marked “no account” and the present proceedings were instituted. A second charge of a similar nature was also preferred against the prisoner the amount in this instant fraudulently obtained being £4 9s. On the 14th instant prisoner uttered a cheque for £5 on Mr Thomas Smith of the New Zealand Hotel in Wellington. The cheque on presentation was returned dishonoured. Mr H S Fitzherbert informed the Bench that the prisoner who was of good family to his knowledge obtained £50 from home which h same day he lost in a house of ill fame. It would seem by the statement of Senior Detective Brown that the man by his foolishness and his intemperate conduct had rendered it impossible for the police to recover his money. He has no intention of defrauding anyone and but for his arrest would have settled all claims against him. Remanded for sentence.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 July 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1881

Mr W Bishop formerly of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt now occupies the Newtown Hotel located at the tramway terminus and in an advertisement appearing in another column solicits the patronage of the public.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1881 (plus other dates)

Newtown Hotel – W Bishop (late of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt) begs to inform the public generally that he has taken the above Hotel and hopes by strict attention to customers to merit a share of their patronage. The accommodation for Boarders cannot be surpassed the rooms are large and lofty and the climate of Newtown is everything that can be desired. The Trams rum from the Newtown Hotel every half hour up to 10.30 pm and Coaches are running all day. Visitors will receive every attention. Travellers will find the Stabling Accommodation first class

and every attention will be paid to their horses by a good groom. The Spirits, Wines and Ales are all of the very best quality, guaranteed A1 by yours truly W Bishop Newton Hotel.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1881)

New Zealand Times newspaper 19 September 1881

A man named Harry Gaveen will make his appearance before the Resident Magistrates this morning on a charge of stealing some clothing and blankets valued at 25s from the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. The accused was arrested by Constable Mackay at the Lower Hutt late on Saturday evening when two blankets answering to the description of those stolen were found in his possession.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 19 September 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 19 September 1881

Blanket Stealing - Harry Gavine was charged with stealing three blankets, valued at 17s, belonging to Charles E Short. The evidence showed that on the 07th instant, the prisoner, who had been staying at Mr Short's Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, for the three previous days, left suddenly during the night, carrying away the prosecutor's blankets. He was arrested by Constable Mackay at Fraser's Hotel, Lower Hutt, on Saturday night with the blankets in his possession. He was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 19 September 1881 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 September 1881

Petty Larceny – Harry Gaveen on a charge of stealing a pair of blankets valued at 17s from the provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was sent to gaol for 14 days hard labour.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 September 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 08 November 1881

Prince of Wales Birthday – To Excursionists – Every Accommodation for Picnic Parties at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – Trains leave at 8.30 and 10 am returning at 11.4.20 and 8.10 – Return Fares First class 5s Second class 3s 4d

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 November 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1881 (plus other dates)

Wanted a smart intelligent Lad about 14 years of age Apply Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1881)

The above newspaper article did not state if it was the Upper Hutt or Wellington Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 12 April 1882

Wanted a smart Youth generally useful must rise early Apply sharp Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 April 1882)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 29 July 1882

The Railway Stoppage at the Upper Hutt

The Wellington Masterton Railway Line is a rather unfortunate one for accidents and what our contemporary the Evening Post charitably terms "mishaps". This latter term is rather neatly chosen, because in truth the line in question is a most unhappy one and the baleful spectre of misfortune and calamity dogs it at almost every step. There was the Rimutaka disaster to begin with, when a number of people were maimed and killed; then there have been one or two accidents on the Wellington side of Kaitoke, in which the whole train and its human freight have narrowly escaped destruction. These are things of the past, but on Thursday there occurred not an accident, but a mishap which delayed the morning train from Wellington to Masterton, some three hours in the journey, and, we presume, caused a similar delay in the case of the morning train from Masterton to Wellington. And the mishap arose in this wise. The train started from Wellington at 7.20 am. and arrived at the Upper Hutt rather after its usual time of 8.40. It should have left the Upper Hutt at 8.45 but it didn't. Somebody had been bringing a Fairlie engine out of the shed during the morning, and contrived during the process of shunting, to drive it almost clean off the rails and to place it in such a position that it presented a complete barrier to the passage of either the up or down trains. The Wellington train could not get to the Wairarapa, the

Wairarapa train could not get to Wellington. There they stood in full sight, and two or three hundred yards distant from each other completely stuck up in their respective positions so long as the derailed Fairlie engine barred the way. Then there was the devil to pay and no pitch hot at that Upper Hutt Railway Station. By-and-by help was obtained from Wellington, and men set to work to construct a sort of long loop line of railway, to avoid and get round the obstacle and join the rails on the other side. After a time this was accomplished, and by 12.15 the train for the Wairarapa, and the other train for Wellington, were able to proceed on their respective journeys, the passengers for the Wairarapa having been detained at the Upper Hutt from 8.40 to 12.15, or a period of some 3 hours. Of course the down train passengers suffered a similar detention. The few good folks bound for the Wairarapa found good cheer and made merry at the Provincial Hotel, so they did not suffer physically. But the detention and loss of time were very annoying. There was a Crown Prosecutor hurrying on to his work, a journalist wanting to give his copy and a number of business men with important matters in hand who were all more or less brought to grief by this little mishap. We hope the Railway authorities will cease the idiotic practice of tumbling Fairlie engines into such a position that they stop all traffic. It may be a great triumph of applied mechanical power and engineering skill to accomplish a feat such as this, but we beseech the authorities not to do it again.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 29 July 1882)

In 1882 Charles Cudby was the proprietor for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

New Zealand Times newspaper 27 September 1882 (plus other dates)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

C CUDBY having taken the above Hotel wishes to inform the travelling public that his Brands of Wines and Spirits are of a superior quality. Also Staples XXX Ale. Good stabling &c also one of Alcock's best Billiard Tables

C CUDBY Proprietor Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 27 September 1882)

Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1882

The quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the Upper Hutt yesterday. The business transacted was of an unimportant nature consisting of the transfer of license for the provincial Hotel from Charles Edward Short to Charles Cudby (plus others)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1882 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 December 1882

At the quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee held on Monday the license of the Pahautanui Hotel was transferred from William Hammerich to Ann Mullius and that of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt from C E Short to Charles Cudby

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 December 1882)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 09 December 1882

At the quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee held on Monday the license of the Pahautanui Hotel was transferred from William Hammerich to Ann Mullins and that of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt from C E Short to Charles Cudby

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 09 December 1882)

Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1883 (plus other dates)

Application for a Publican's License

I Charles Cudby of the Upper Hutt, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next licensing meeting to be holden at the Upper Hutt on the 5th day of June, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a publican's license for a house known as the Provincial Hotel, situate at the Upper Hutt, containing 19 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family, the property of Messrs Johnson and Co - dated 26th day of April 1883 - Charles Cudby

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1883 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 28 August 1883

Birth – Cudby – On Sunday 26th August the wife of Charles Cudby (of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt) of a daughter. [Ethel May Cudby]

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 28 August 1883 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 29 December 1883

Proceedings are being taken by the police against Charles Cudby, of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, on a charge of having allowed a game of billiards to be played on his licensed premises on Christmas Day.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 29 December 1883 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 31 December 1883

A number of summonses for civil offences will be dealt with in the Resident Magistrates Court on the 08th January most cases being delayed in consequence of the holidays. The proprietor of an oyster saloon will be charged with selling liquor without a license. The license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt will be charged with permitting billiards to be played in the hotel on Christmas Day.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 31 December 1883)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 January 1884

A number of summonses for civil offences will be dealt with in the Resident Magistrates Court on the 08th January most of the cases being delayed in consequence of the holidays. The proprietor of an oyster saloon will be charged with selling liquor without a license. The license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt will be charged with permitting billiards to be played in the hotel on Christmas Day.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 January 1884)

Evening Post newspaper Thursday 10 January 1884

A sitting of the Hutt Court was held yesterday. Charles Cudby, licensee of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, was charged with having committed a breach of the Licensing Act by permitting a game of billiards to be played on his premises on Christmas Day. The offence was admitted, and a nominal penalty of a shilling with costs was imposed.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper Thursday 10 January 1884 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 19 May 1884

Suicide at the Upper Hutt

Information reached town yesterday regarding the suicide at the Upper Hutt of a married woman, named Jane Pike. It appears that deceased, who was the wife of Mr Edward Pike, settler, Upper Hutt, had for some days been complaining of a pain in the head. On Saturday last she left her home and proceeded in the direction of the river. Her husband, fearing she intended to destroy herself, as she had developed slight symptoms of insanity a day or two previously, followed her, and arrived at the river side just in time to see her floating away into deep water. She sank almost immediately. By this time five other men had put in an appearance, and one of them, named Charles Chard, jumped into the water and brought the body up from the bottom, when life was found to be extinct. The occurrence was reported to the Coroner, who appointed an inquest to take place at the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Deceased, who was 46 years of age, leaves a large family.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 May 1884)

Evening Post newspaper 20 May 1884

At the inquest on the body of Jane Pike held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt yesterday afternoon the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased was Found Drowned but that there was not sufficient evidence to show how she came into the water

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 May 1884)

Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1884

Mungaroa District – At the annual meeting of the Mungaroa Bench yesterday the following members were present Messrs Perkins (in the chair), Cotter, Whiteman, Haybittle and McHattie. The business transacted was unimportant consisting of the granting of applications for the renewal of the licenses of the Railway Refreshment Rooms (James Martin). Railway Hotel (William Cranmer) and Provincial Hotel (Charles Cudby).

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1884)

Evening Post newspaper 15 October 1884 (plus other dates)
Wanted a good General Servant apply at once at Provincial Hotel
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 October 1884)

It is not known if the newspaper article above was for the Upper Hutt or Wellington Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 18 December 1884 (plus other dates)
Wanted Furnished Apartments in the Upper Hutt apply to Dr Grimes Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 December 1884)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1885
At the annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Bench yesterday, the following applications for renewals of licenses were granted Charles Cudby Provincial Hotel, William Crammer, Railway Hotel and Jas Martin Kaitoke Refreshment Rooms. The Bench were Messrs Cotter (Chairman) McCulloch, McHattie and Haybittle
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1885 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 27 August 1885
The police have sworn an information against Charles Cudby, the landlord of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, for having committed breach of the Licensing Act, 1881, for that on the 20th inst. he did permit violent and riotous conduct to take place on his licensed premises to wit, permit certain persons to knock down and grease Edward Irving Wilkie. The case will be heard on Wednesday next, at the Lower Hutt Court.
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 27 August 1885 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 28 August 1885
In addition to the information mentioned in yesterday's Evening Post as having been sworn against Charles Cudby landlord of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt for having permitted riotous conduct in his licensed house information's have also been laid against the same defendant and Arthur Richardson, William Brown and John McCulloch for having assaulted and beaten that is knocking down and greasing Edward Irving Wilkie. The case will be heard at the Lower Hutt Court on Wednesday next
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 August 1885)

Evening Post 02 & Wairarapa Standard 04 & New Zealand Mail 04 September 1885 (plus)
The Upper Hutt Greasing Case - Magisterial Enquiry
Charles Cudby, Arthur Richardson, John McCulloch, and William Brown were charged at the Magistrate's Court to-day, before Mr Wardell, RM, with having, on the 20th August last, assaulted Edward Irving Wilkie at the defendant's licensed house, the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt. Mr Gully appeared for the prosecution and Mr Jellicoe to defend. On the application of Mr Jellicoe, the charge preferred against the defendant Charles Cudby was heard separately, and the other defendants were ordered to step down. The case has excited a large amount of interest, not only at the Hutt, but also in the city, and as a matter of course the Courthouse was crowded by persons who were anxious to hear the evidence Mr Gully having stated the case for the prosecution, called the complainant, Edward Irving Wilkie, a young man, who deposed that he was a baker. On the night of the day in question, about 9 o'clock, Cudby came to witness shop and beckoned him out. Cudby was asked by witness what he wanted, and Cudby replied, Nothing: follow me. Witness did follow him, and went to the kitchen of Cudby's house with a person named McIntosh. Shortly afterwards Cudby, Richardson, McCulloch, and Brown, came into the kitchen, and they formed themselves into a jury around a table. Witness was placed at the end of the table, in a corner, Richardson being at the head of the table and the other men sitting round it, two on each side. Richardson asked witness if he was guilty of having said something about McIntosh, and he replied Not guilty. After conferring a short while one of the jury said, Seize him, police, and Cudby, Brown, and McCulloch, then laid hold of him and put down on the ground and greased him over his clothes. The three men who seized him endeavoured to take off his clothes and unfasten his coat and trousers. He resisted as much as

possible, but was not able to prevent them from covering his coat and trousers with grease, which they took out of a tin which was handy. Witness managed to get away after a time, and ran off to his own house, followed by Cudby, who did not catch him. He changed his clothes, and went to bed. None of the grease touched his skin. In reply to Mr. Jellicoe, witness declared that he had never said anything to McIntosh about a girl. Richardson was the Judge, and he sat in a chair on the table. The Judge's robes consisted of two towels, which were draped around him. McIntosh was the prosecutor, and stated the charge to the Bench. Did not hear the Court say that he would be let off with a small fine consisting of a shout for all hands. Cudby was the first to seize him, and McIntosh assisted him. It was not true that he and McIntosh had a tussle and that they both rolled along the floor till they tumbled into the grease-pan. As defendants did not apologise in the newspapers for their conduct, he took the present proceedings on the 27th ult. This closed the case for the prosecution. Mr Jellicoe for the defence, called Arthur Richardson, butcher, who deposed that on the night in question he was at the Provincial Hotel. McIntosh was also there, and suggested that the complainant should be sent for. Cudby went for Wilkie, who returned with him. They had some few words in the passage of the hotel, and someone suggested that Wilkie should be tried to see if he was guilty or not. They all adjourned to the kitchen except Cudby, the defendant, who was not in the room. Witness was chosen as judge, and his robe consisted of the kitchen towel. One of the others then essayed to address the Court, but they broke down. They had a good laugh at each other, and someone suggested that Wilkie should stand drinks all round, but the latter refused to pay the imposition, and rushed for the door, where he and McIntosh tried each other's strength, and both went to the ground, and rolled about till they upset the grease pan. They both got the grease on their clothes. Witness during this time maintained his seat on the bench, but was powerless to keep order. Wilkie was laughing also, and the noise was so great that at length the defendant Cudby came to the door, and enquired what all the noise was about. Wilkie then left, but witness did not see Cudby follow him. Cudby did not touch either the grease or Wilkie any part of the time. Evidence of a corroborative character was given by William Brown, John McCulloch, and Alexander McIntosh. The Bench dismissed the information, and in doing so remarked that it was a most extraordinary thing that four men should go into the witness-box and swear directly opposite to the statement on oath by the complainant. There was Mr Wardell said, wilful and corrupt perjury somewhere. He regarded the conduct of the defendant and his witnesses with intense disgust. To see four apparently respectable tradesmen conduct such idiotic proceedings was past his comprehension. While dismissing the cases, he did not for a moment intend to say that the one man had committed perjury and that the four men had spoken the truth. The information would be dismissed without costs. The charges against the other defendant were dismissed as also was the case against Cudby for permitting disorderly conduct on his licensed premises.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post 02 & Wairarapa Standard 04 & New Zealand Mail 04 September 1885)

New Zealand Times newspaper 29 October 1885

W Cudby was charged with permitting liquor to be consumed at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Sunday 20th October. Ole Christianson stated that he slept at McHattie's store on Saturday night. On his way home on Sunday morning he called at the Provincial Hotel and asked for a drink which was given to him. Constable Harnet stated that he saw the liquor supplied. Mr H S Fitzgerald who appeared for the defence contended that as the liquor had been given and not sold Christianson and as it had not been paid for on the Saturday night no breach of the law had been committed. The case was dismissed.

(Reference Papers Past website New Zealand Times newspaper 29 October 1885 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1885 & New Zealand Mail 30 October 1885

William [sic] Cudby was charged with permitting liquor to be consumed in his licensed house the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Sunday 25th October. Mr H S Fitzgerald appeared for the defence. The prosecution replied on the fact that a person named Ole Christiansen had called at the defendant's house on the Sunday morning in question and has asked for a drink which had been supplied to him in the presence of Constable Harnett. Mr Fitzgerald submitted that as the liquor had been given and not sold neither had it been paid for on the previous night no breach of the law had been committed. The Bench accepted this line of defence and dismissed the information.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1885 & New Zealand Mail 30 October 1885)

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 October 1885

W Cudby was charged with permitting liquor to be consumed at the Provincial Hotel on Sunday 20th October. Ole Christianson stated that he slept at McHattie's store on Saturday night. On his way home on Sunday morning he called at the Provincial Hotel and asked for a drink which was given to him. Constable Harnett stated that he saw the liquor supplied. Mr H S Fitzherbert who appeared for the defence contended that as the liquor had been given and not sold to Christianson and as it had not been paid for on the Saturday night no breach of the law had been committed. The case was dismissed.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 October 1885)

Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1886

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Bench was hold at the Upper Hutt at noon yesterday. An application by William McCrossan for a new license for the Railway Hotel was granted, as were also applications by Charles Cudby and James Martin for renewals of the licenses of the Provincial Hotel and the Kaitoke Refreshment Rooms respectively.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1886 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1887

Wanted two steady Men to cut and cart about 60 cords of firewood current rate given if have horse and cart preferred, cottage to live in free. Apply personally at 7 o'clock Monday evening the 07th March to W S at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt No written applications entertained.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1887)

Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1887

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held yesterday at the schoolroom Upper Hutt. Present Messrs Cotter (in the chair), Whiteman, Haybittle, McCulloch and Small. Renewals were granted without opposition to James Martin for the Kaitoke Refreshment Rooms and to Charles Cudby for the Provincial Hotel.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1887 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 07 October & New Zealand Mail 14 October 1887

William McCrossan was arraigned on an indictment charging him with having failed to discover to the Official Assignee in April last when he was declared bankrupt, the full extent of his property and also with having failed to have kept books and papers of his business for the benefit of his creditors. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. (various other details from various witnesses not transcribed). By Mr Skerrett; was waiter, billiard marker, cook etc., at the Provincial Hotel at the Hutt before going to McCrossan's Hotel.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 October & New Zealand Mail 14 October 1887)

New Zealand Times newspaper 09 June 1888

The annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Committee was held in the Upper Hutt Schoolhouse yesterday. Present Messrs T Cotter (chairman). W E Haybittle, J Small and A McCulloch. Renewals were granted to Mr Charles E Cudby Provincial Hotel, Victor Granville Railway Hotel and George Broadbent Railway Refreshment Rooms Kaitoke.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 09 June 1888)

Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1888

The Mungaroa Licensing Committee held their annual meeting yesterday in the Upper Hutt Schoolhouse. The following committeemen were present Messrs T Cotter (chairman), W E Haybittle, J Small and A McCulloch. The following renewals of licenses were granted Charles E Cudby Provincial Hotel, Victor Granville Railway Hotel and George Broadbent Railway Refreshment Rooms.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1888)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 15 June 1888

The annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Committee was held in the Upper Hutt Schoolhouse last Friday. Present Messrs T Cotter (chairman), W E Haybittle, J Small and A

McCulloch. Renewals were granted to Mr Charles E Cudby Provincial Hotel, Victor Granville Railway Hotel and George Broadbent Railway Refreshment Rooms Kaitoke.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 15 June 1888)

Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1889

Fire at the Upper Hutt – Upper Hutt This Day

A fire broke out in the detached kitchen of the Provincial Hotel on Saturday afternoon resulting in damage to the extent of about £70. Had it not been that there were plenty of hands about owing to a cricket match being on and a plentiful supply of water in the wells the result might have been disastrous. Mr Davis representing the insurance companies was present and gave orders as to the removal of the stock. I understand the building was not insured.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1889)

Evening Post newspaper 19 March 1889

An extraordinary misadventure, or what more properly might be termed a double accident, occurred in the Hutt district yesterday, in which Mr John McIntosh, a well-known old settler, and formerly licensee at various times of the New Zealander and other hotels, unfortunately figured too prominently. While obliging a friend by standing at the head of a horse in front of the Provincial Hotel at the Upper Hutt yesterday morning, the animal became startled and attempted to bolt, and in its struggles to break away Mr McIntosh was thrown down and trampled under the animal's feet. His shoulder was broken, and he sustained such severe injuries that Dr Wilford, who was called in to attend him, after giving such relief as was possible under the circumstances, placed Mr McIntosh in his trap, intending to drive him to his surgery at the Lower Hutt, where he considered it was necessary the injured man should be placed under chloroform in order that his wounded shoulder might receive proper attention. While on the way to the doctor's residence in turning sharply round one of the gorges, the horse in the conveyance fell, and both the occupants were pitched into the road. Dr Wilford severely injured his arm, while the patient received additional injuries to his head. The accident incapacitated the doctor from rendering any further assistance to Mr McIntosh, who was accordingly forwarded to town and taken to the Wellington Hospital, where he is now receiving attention. On enquiry at the institution this morning, we learn that the patient is progressing as well as can be expected. The injuries are very severe, including one ear being torn nearly off, a serious scalp wound which exposes the skull, and a fracture of the upper arm.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 March 1889)

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 March 1889

Particulars of a serious accident which happened to Mr John McIntosh, an old Wellington resident, at the Upper Hutt, on Monday, were received by Inspector Thomson yesterday. It appears that McIntosh was holding a horse attached to a buggy for a friend outside the Provincial Hotel, when the animal attempted to bolt, and in trying to prevent him McIntosh was knocked down under the horse's feet and his shoulder broken. Dr Wilford, of the Lower Hutt, was sent for, and on arrival he had the injured man placed in his trap for the purpose of taking him to his surgery, where he intended to place him under chloroform while setting the injured limb. While driving round one of the gorges on the way to the doctor's residence the horse fell, and both the doctor and his patient were thrown on to the road. Dr Wilford sustained an injury to his arm, and Mr McIntosh received fresh injuries to his shoulder, and his head was also cut. On arriving at the Lower Hutt Dr Wilford was so affected by his own accident that he was unable to attend to Mr McIntosh, who was then brought into town and taken to the Hospital. On inquiry at the institution last night we learned that he was progressing favourably. Mr McIntosh was well known in the city, having been licensee of the New Zealander Hotel for a number of years.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 March 1889)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 22 March 1889

Particulars of a serious accident which happened to Mr John McIntosh, an old Wellington resident, at the Upper Hutt, on Monday, have been received by Inspector Thomson. It appears that McIntosh was holding a horse attached to a buggy for a friend outside the Provincial Hotel, when the animal attempted to bolt, and in trying to prevent him McIntosh was knocked down under the horse's feet and his shoulder broken. Dr Wilford, of the Lower Hutt, was sent for, and

on arrival he had the injured man placed in his trap for the purpose of taking him to his surgery, where he intended to place him under chloroform while setting the injured limb. While driving round one of the gorges on the way to the doctor's residence the horse fell, and both the doctor and his patient were thrown on to the road. Dr Wilford sustained an injury to his arm, and Mr McIntosh received fresh injuries to his shoulder, and his head, was also cut. On arriving at the Lower Hutt Dr Wilford was so affected by his own accident that he was unable to attend to Mr McIntosh, who was then brought into town and taken to the Hospital. On inquiry at the institution last night we learned that he was progressing favourably. Mr McIntosh was well known in the city, having been licensee of the New Zealander Hotel for a number of years

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 22 March 1889)

In 1889 Victor Granville was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1889 (plus other dates)

Wanted a good smart Man to attend to billiard table and make himself generally useful. Apply at once to V Granville Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1889)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 June 1889

Licensing Committee – The annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Committee was held yesterday. Present Messrs Davis (chairman), Barton, Brown and Thompson. An application for the renewal of the license of the Railway Hotel was grated to P Mahoney and a transfer from Mary Williams to the same applicant to enable him to carry on until the end of the months was also granted. The application of J E Cudby for a renewal of the license of the Provincial Hotel was refused and the meeting was then adjourned till the 26th in order to enable another applicant (V Granville) to put in an application for the license of the hotel.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 June 1889)

Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1889

The Mungaroa Licensing Committee held their quarterly sitting at the Upper Hutt yesterday. The transfer of the license of the Railway Hotel from Mary Williams to David Mahoney, was granted, and the latter was also given a renewal of the license. Charles Cudby applied for a renewal of the license of the Provincial Hotel, which was refused, and the meeting adjourned until the 26th instant in order to enable Victor Granville to lodge an application for the license of the hotel.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1889 page 3)

In 1889 Charles J JOHNSTON of Johnston & Co was the owner of the Provincial Hotel.

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 June 1889

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I Victor Granville of Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the 26th day of June 1889 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of renewal of a Publican's License for the house situated at Upper Hutt the property of Charles J Johnston and known by the sign of "The Provincial Hotel" containing 17 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated this 03rd day of June 1889 – Victor Granville

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 June 1889)

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1889

Wanted a good Man Servant for hotel must be a good billiard marker and player. Apply at once to V Granville Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1889)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 07 June 1889

Licensing Committee – The annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Committee was held on Monday. Present Messrs Davis (chairman), Barton, Brown and Thompson. An application for the renewal of the license of the Railway Hotel was grated to P Mahoney and a transfer from Mary Williams to the same applicant to enable him to carry on until the end of the months was also granted. The application of J E Cudby for a renewal of the license of the Provincial Hotel

was refused and the meeting was then adjourned till the 26th in order to enable another applicant (V Granville) to put in an application for the license of the hotel.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 07 June 1889)

Evening Post newspaper 27 June 1889

The Mungaroa Licensing Committee, which held its adjourned meeting at the Upper Hutt Schoolhouse yesterday, granted a license to Victor Granville to carry on the Provincial Hotel. The meeting had been adjourned from the previous sitting to consider the license of this hostelry, the former applicant having been refused a license. The hotel, it was mentioned, had been much improved since the adjournment.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 27 June 1889 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 17 August 1889

Supreme Court – Civil Sittings This Day Johnston v. Cudby

The plaintiff in this case were Johnston and Co., merchants, of Wellington, the defendants being Charles Cudby and Victor Granville, both of the Upper Hutt. The plaintiffs alleged that on the 22nd of February last year they leased to Cudby the Provincial Hotel at the Upper Hutt for a period of three years from 18th of September last, at the yearly rental of £260, payable in advance on the 18th of every month that Cudby undertook to pay the rent regularly, and keep the house in repair that subsequently Cudby assigned the property to Granville that after this the defendants failed to pay the rent due on 18th May and 18th June, that they also failed to keep the house in repair, in consequence of which default the authorities refused to renew the license until repairs had been effected that plaintiffs, in order to preserve the license, expended in repairs the sum of £86 19s 3d that defendants also made default in payment of the annual license fee of £25, in consequence of which plaintiffs were obliged to pay the amount wherefore the plaintiffs prayed judgment (a) for the sum of £13 6s 8d, arrears of rent, (b) for £111 19s 3d, license fee and repairs or in the alternative (c) for the sum of £111 19s 3d and for damages for breaches of covenant, (d) the costs of the action (e) such other judgment as the Court should consider them entitled to. Defendant Cudby filed a statement admitting that he leased the hotel from the plaintiffs that he undertook to pay the rent, keep the property in repair, &c. and that he assigned to Granville. He denies the other allegations. Defendant Granville also filed a statement denying that Cudby vested the property in him that he ever made default in respect of rent, or that he was over bound to pay any rent that he was required to effect repairs that he knew that the authorities had refused a renewal of the license that the repairs were necessary or were executed at his request, that he made default in respect of the license fee or was bound to pay the same. Mr Edwards appeared for the plaintiffs, Mr Skerrett for defendant Cudby, and Mr Gray for the defendant Granville. Evidence having been taken counsel addressed the Court. Mr Gray argued that Granville was not liable, as the breaches of agreement were committed before Cudby assigned the property to him. His Honor intimated that he would deliver judgment Monday morning.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 August 1889)

Evening Post newspaper 19 August 1889

Mr Justice Richmond delivered judgement this morning in the case of Johnston & Co v Cudby and Granville an action brought to recover the sum of £155 5s 11d moneys paid by plaintiffs in consequence of the non-observance by the defendants of an agreement with respect to the lease of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. His Honor gave judgment for plaintiffs with costs. Mr Edward was for the plaintiffs, Messrs Skerrett and Gray being on the other side.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 August 1889)

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 August & New Zealand Mail 23 August 1889

In the Supreme Court on Saturday last, before Mr Justice Richmond, the case of Johnston and Co. v. Charles Cudby and Victor Granville was heard. Mr Edwards appeared for the plaintiffs, Mr Skerrett for Cudby, and Mr Gray for Granville. The plaintiffs alleged that they had leased the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, to Cudby, on the 18th September, 1880, at an annual rental of £260, payable in advance, and that he (Cudby) was to keep the house in repair. Subsequently Cudby assigned the property to Granville, and after this the defendants failed to pay the rent due for May and June, and the house was not kept in repair, and in consequence the licensing

authorities refused to renew the license until the repairs were affected. In order to preserve the license, the plaintiffs expended the sum of £86 19s 3d in repairs, and they were also obliged to pay the annual licensing fee, £25, through the default of the defendants. The plaintiffs therefore claimed £43 6s 8d for arrears of rent, £111 19s 3d for repairs and license fee, or in the alternative the sum of £111 19s 3d, and for damages for breach of covenant. Cudby, in his pleadings, admitted that he had leased the building, which he undertook to keep in repair, and that he had afterward assigned it to Granville. He denied the rest of the allegations. Granville denied that Cudby had vested the property in him, or that he had ever made default of payment in respect of the rent or license fee, or that he was liable for the payment. Evidence having been taken, his Honor reserved his decision until yesterday morning, when he gave judgment for plaintiff for the full amount, and costs on the lowest scale.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 August & New Zealand Mail 23 August 1889)

In 1889 William Frederick Richards was the lessee of the Provincial Hotel.

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 20 September 1889

Fire at Upper Hutt – Wellington Friday

The Provincial Hotel at Upper Hutt was burnt down at 8 am this morning. The cause is assigned to a defective chimney. The hotel was insured in the London and Lancashire Office for £750 and the Colonial for £300. The stock and furniture was insured in the New Zealand Office for £500 and the Union for £100. Richards the lessee estimated his loss at £300 above the latter amounts. The inmates of the hotel had a narrow escape. Several other buildings were slightly damaged.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 20 September 1889)

On the 20 September 1889 a fire destroyed the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt after 13 years of service

Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1889

Destructive Fire at the Upper Hutt

That well-known hostelry at the Upper Hutt, the Provincial Hotel, in the occupation of Mr W F Richards, and owned by Messrs Johnston & Co., of Wellington, was burned down at 3 o'clock this morning, the fire originating in some mysterious fashion, quite, unaccounted for by the licensee. The names had obtained a good hold of the building before it was discovered, and, being of wood, burned very quickly. A number of persons were staying in the hotel at the time and had a very narrow escape for their lives. The outbreak was first noticed by a Mr Davies a boarder, who was awakened by the crackling of glass, and through his timely warning the inmates of the hotel and neighbouring residences were aroused. Constable Harrott, of the Hutt, reporting to Inspector Thomson concerning the fire says, the cause is very likely due to the defective state of a chimney near where it was first noticed. The neighbouring premises of Messrs Wilkie, Butler, Greenwood, Davies, and Brown, were all more or less scorched by the great heat. The hotel building insured in the London and Lancashire Office for £750, being reinsured for £250 in the Colonial and £250 in the National. The furniture is insured for £500 in the New Zealand and for £100 in the Union. Mr Richards estimates his loss at £300 in excess of the insurances.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1889 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1889

Mr Tringham architect calls for tenders for erecting the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1889)

New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1889 (plus other dates)

To Builders

Tenders for erecting the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt will be received at my office where plans and specifications can be seen until noon of Wednesday 02 October.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

C Tringham Architect Westminster Chambers

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1889)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 27 September 1889

Fire at the Upper Hutt

The Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt occupied by Mr W F Richards was totally destroyed by fire about 3 am on 20th September. The fire was first discovered by a lodger named Davis who was aroused by the crackling of glass. He alarmed the inmates of the house who had barely time to escape. It is not known how the fire originated but it is supposed to have been caused through a defect in a chimney. The building is owned Messrs Johnston and Co and is insured for £750 in the London and Lancashire office. Of this amount £250 is reinsured in the Colonial office and £250 in the National office. The furniture is insured for £500 in the New Zealand office and £100 in the Union. Mr Richards estimates his loss at £300 above the insurance.)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 27 September 1889)

In 1889 William Frederick Richards was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 12 November 1889 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for transfer of License

I Victor Granville of Upper Hutt being the holder of a Publican's license in respect of the house and known as Provincial Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the 02nd day of December apply for a Transfer of the said license from myself to William Frederick Richards my appointee.

Dated the 12th day of November 1889 V Granville

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 November 1889)

In 1889 the Provincial Hotel was rebuilt and the new tenant was widow Elizabeth Woods.

Evening Post newspaper 25 November 1889

The Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, which was recently destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt, and the new tenant, Mrs Wood who has purchased through Messrs Dwan Bros. Mr Richards's interest in the lease is now engaged replacing the furniture destroyed by fire and fitting up the hotel in first class style.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 25 November 1889 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1889

A transfer of the license of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, from Victor Granville to Henry F Richards was granted at yesterday's quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee. This was the only business of the sitting.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1889 page 2)

In the publication *Old Wellington Hotels* it states that "*the Provincial (10 rooms) which was rebuilt in 1890 after being badly damaged by fire.*" The hotel was actually rebuilt in November 1889.

(Reference Old Wellington Hotels – Some History Personalities and Anecdotes by Pat Lawlor 1974 page 72)

In 1890 Elizabeth Woods was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 10 February 1890

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I William Frederick Richards being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Upper Hutt known as the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt, on the day of March, apply for a transfer of the said license from myself to Elizabeth Wood, my appointee.

Dated the 18th day of November, 1889 - W F Richards

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 10 February 1890 page 3)

Evening post newspaper 01 April 1890

The Mungaroa Licensing Committee met at the Upper Hutt Schoolroom yesterday afternoon the meeting being attended by Messrs Davis, Brown, Bengel and Thompson. Mr Davis was elected Chairman of the Committee. This was really the only business of the meeting but it was mentioned that the Provincial Hotel was being carried on by a person who was not the licensee

and that there had been no request for a proper transfer. The chairman said that he granted the license leave of absence for six months. A member of the Committee thought the Chairman had not the power to do this and pointed out that the Act provided that consent to such a course must be given by at least two members of the Committee. After some further discussion the Committee accepted an assurance from Mrs Wood who is at present carrying on the business that she would take the necessary steps to have the license transferred in a proper manner.

(Reference Papers past website Evening post newspaper 01 April 1890)

Evening Post newspaper 03 April 1890 (plus other dates)

Notice of application for transfer of License

I William Frederick Richards, late of Upper Hutt, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Upper Hutt, and known as the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the day of June, 1890, apply for a transfer of the said license from myself to Elizabeth Wood, of Upper Hutt, Widow, my appointee

Dated the day of April, 1890 - W F Richards

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 03 April 1890)

On 16 April 1890 the owner of the Provincial Hotel and widow Elizabeth Wood married Edward Till a Butcher.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1890 folio website 1890/3692)

In 1890 Edward Till applied for the license of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 15 May 1890 (plus other dates)

Notice of application for transfer of License

I William Frederick Richards, of Wellington, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Upper Hutt, and known as the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the day of 07th day of June 1890, apply for a transfer of the said license from myself to Edward Till, of Upper Hutt, butcher, my appointee.

Dated the 15th May, 1890 – Wm. F Richards

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 15 May 1890 page 3)

In 1890 Charles John Johnston was still the owner of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 15 May 1890 (plus other dates)

Notice of application for a Publican's License

I Edward Till, of Upper Hutt, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the day of 07th day of June 1890, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of renewal of a Publican's license for the house situated at Upper Hutt the property of Charles John Johnston and known by the signed of the Provincial Hotel containing rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family

Dated the 15th May, 1890 – William Till

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 15 May 1890 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1890

At the meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee held on Saturday at the School house Upper Hutt a transfer of the license of the Provincial Hotel from W F Richards to Edward Till was granted without opposition from the police and the new licensee was granted a renewal of the license to carry on the business. A renewal was also granted to David Maloney of the Railway Hotel. Constable O'Connor represented the police at the meeting. The members of the Committee present were Messrs P Davis (Chairman), Brown and Barton.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1890 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 04 July 1890

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I William Frederick Richards late of Upper Hutt being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situated at Upper Hutt and known as the Provincial Hotel do

hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the day of June 1890 apply for a transfer of the said license from myself to Elizabeth Wood of Upper Hutt Widow my appointee.

Dated the day of April 1890 – W F Richards

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 July 1890)

Evening Post newspaper 12 August 1890 (plus other dates)

For Sale at the Upper Hutt about six tons of Seed Fluke Potatoes at £3 10s per ton - Apply Edward Till Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 August 1890)

Evening Post newspaper 27 October 1890

At the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday evening about fifty gentlemen sat down to a dinner given to Mr Unsworth on the eve of his departure from the district. Mr Unsworth who is now retiring from the service has had charge of the Upper Hutt railway station for many years.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 October 1890)

New Zealand Times newspaper 03 June & New Zealand Mail 05 June 1891

The Mungaroa Licensing Committee met yesterday at the schoolroom Upper Hutt at noon. There were present Messrs George Brown (chairman), Barton, Bengel, Rawson and Thompson. There were two applications for renewals – that of Mr Till for the Provincial Hotel and Miss Maloney's for the Railway Hotel. Mr James clerk of the Licensing Committee stated that the police report was favourable in both cases and that no notice of objections had been given. Mr Till's license was therefore granted.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 03 June & New Zealand Mail 05 June 1891)

Evening Post newspaper 02 October 1891

Upper Hutt - Gentlemen interested in the formation of a Racing Club at the Upper Hutt are requested to meet at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday 03rd October at 8 pm

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 October 1891)

New Zealand Times newspaper 12 October 1891

The rifle match Upper Hutt versus Petone took place on Saturday afternoon at the former's range and resulted in a victory for the latter by 14 points (various other details not transcribed). After the completion of the match the visitors were entertained at the Provincial Hotel where an excellent dinner was provided in a marquee by Host Till whose catering was worthy of great praise.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 12 October 1891)

Evening Post newspaper 12 October & New Zealand Mail newspaper 16 October 1891

A general meeting of the Upper Hutt Martini-Henry Rifle Club is to be held in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Thursday evening next.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 October & New Zealand Mail 16 October 1891)

Evening Post newspaper 12 October 1891

Upper Hutt M.H. Rifle Club

A General Meeting of the above Club will be held at the Provincial Hotel on Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm. The attendance of members is particularly requested. H Ernest Rawson Captain

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 October 1891)

Evening Post newspaper 03 November 1891

Upper Hutt This Day

At the adjourned inquest held to-day at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on the death of the child [Edwin] of Agnes Pyke the verdict brought in was Accidental Death

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 November 1891)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 November 1891

The inquest on the body of an infant child found in an outhouse at the rear of the house of Mrs Leddie Upper Hutt on the 17th ult., was resumed on Tuesday at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt before Mr H W Robinson. The mother of the child Agnes Pyke stated that she went to an outhouse at the back of Mrs Leddie's on the date in question and the child was unexpectedly born. She could not account for the marks on the side of the child's mouth. She had no recollection of putting the child under the seat. Further evidence was given by Emma Leddie, Mary Lucas and Dr J Baker. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the child was born alive suddenly and by surprise and from want of proper attention at the time of birth it sustained certain injuries of which it died suddenly after the birth

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 November 1891)

Evening Post newspaper 23 November 1891 (plus other dates)

New Zealand Rifle Association

Tenders for clearing permanent range at Trentham near Wallaceville

Plans and specification can be seen (on and after Thursday 26th) at the Club Hotel Wellington or Till's Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and work and all particulars connected with it will be shown intending contractors on Thursday and Friday the 26th and 27th. The work is situated on the property of Mr Alexander McCulloch near Wallaceville.

Joe Reginald Somerville Major Chairman NZ Rifle Association

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 November 1891)

Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1892

The residents of the Upper Hutt district have lately been considering the question of giving a guarantee to a medical man who would reside in the district, as it has been found at times very inconvenient in cases of accidents or sickness that there has been no doctor nearer than Lower Hutt. As Dr Baker, who has been living at Upper Hutt for the past six months, has expressed his willingness to stay if a guarantee were given, lists have been taken round to the residents, and the required sum has been promised. On Saturday a meeting of subscribers was held in the Provincial Hotel to elect a committee and to arrange matters in connection with the guarantee. Mr G Brown was voted to the chair. The business of the meeting was entered into enthusiastically, and discussed fully, after which Messrs T Boyd, E Wilkie, E Till, and W Brown (treasurer), were elected to act as a committee. Mr H Sykes was appointed collector. Mr T Edwards and Mr G Brown offered to collect in the Mungaroa Valley and Kaitoke respectively. A deputation was appointed to wait on Dr Baker and inform him of the result of the meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. The residents are to be congratulated upon at last securing the services of a qualified medical man in their midst.

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 15 January 1892

At the inquest by the Coroner yesterday at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on the body of Mrs Annie Jeromson wife of a settler at Mungaroa who died suddenly the previous day the evidence went to show that the deceased awakened her husband at about 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning and complained of shortness of breath. She rose from her bed and when she went to lay down again appeared to become worse. Mr Jeromson called in a neighbour and administered a little spirit &c., to his wife but she died about half an hour after first complaining of being unwell. Dr Baker who made a post mortem examination of the body was of the opinion that the cause of death was syncope caused by dropsy of the heart and lungs. The jury through Mr J D Cruickshank foreman returned a verdict accordingly.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 January 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1892

New Zealand Rifle Association – Tenders for Target frames – To Carpenters

Tenders will be received up to Wednesday 10th instant for making 60 Target Frames – Plans and specifications to be seen at the Club Hotel Wellington and at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. Tenders must address to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Targets".

E Davy Lt. Com.

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1892

The Annual General Meeting of the Upper Hutt Rifle Club will be held in the Provincial Hotel on Saturday 07th April at 7.30 pm when all Members are requested to attend

H E Rawson Captain

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 02 April & New Zealand Times 04 April 1892

The inquest will be held at 11.30 on Tuesday at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt before Mr Ed., Baker Coroner. [James Craig for arson]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 April & New Zealand Times 04 April 1892)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 April 1892 (plus other dates)

An enquiry into the circumstances connected with a fire which occurred at a cottage at Silverstream on Friday last was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt yesterday morning before Mr Ed. Baker coroner. The cottage was owned by Mr James Farrington and until lately was occupied by a farm labourer named James Craig who is now in custody on a charge of setting fire to it.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 April 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 06 May 1892 (plus other dates)

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday 17th instant for a five years' Lease of that valuable Dairy Farm situated in Mungaroa Valley Upper Hutt containing about 100 acres first-class level land laid down in the best English grasses and securely fenced, a new four roomed house and outbuildings erected on farm and within two chains from Mungaroa railway station. Further particulars can be obtained from E Tell Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt or F Whiteman Owner.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 May 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1892

Owing to there not being a quorum, the annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee, which was to have been hold yesterday, was adjourned until the 17th instant. Applications will then be made for the renewal of the licenses of the Provincial and Railway Hotels, held by Edward Till and Edward Polling respectively.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1892 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 18 June 1892

The licenses of the Provincial and Railway Hotels, held by Edward Till and Edward Polling respectively were renewed there being no opposition on the part of the police.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 18 June 1892 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1892 (plus various other newspapers and dates)

The return match between the wellington Navals and the Upper Hutt Rifle Club was fired yesterday on the latter's range and resulted in a victory for the bluejackets by 24 points. The Navals returned the hospitality shown by the Rifle Club on the occasion of the last visit of the Town team by entertaining their opponents at a dinner at the Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 17 December 1892

There was a sitting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Committee yesterday at which Messrs Brown (Chairman), Rawson, Barton, Thompson and Bengé were present. An application to transfer the license from the Railway Hotel from Edward Pelling to Charles Williams was granted. The police reported that the stables attached to the Provincial Hotel needed repairing and requested the Committee to compel the proprietor to do the work required. The licensee who was present at the meeting explained that his landlord would do nothing in the matter and he did not feel inclined to do the work himself. The Bench said that if the repairs were not carried out by the next annual licensing meeting the licensee would only be granted on condition that the premises were put in proper order and if this was not done the license would be cancelled.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 December 1892)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 09 December 1892

A sitting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Committee was held on Tuesday at which the license of the Railway Hotel was transferred from Edward Pelling to Charles Williams. The Bench also informed the licensee of the Provincial Hotel that his license would be cancelled at the next meeting if in the meantime his stables were not put in proper order.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 09 December 1892)

Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1893

The Annual Meeting of the Upper Hutt Rifle Club will be held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday 13th May at 7.30 pm. H E Rawson Captain

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1893)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1893

The only business at the annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee on Friday was the granting of applications for the renewals of the licences of the Provincial Hotel (Edward Till) and Railway Hotel (Chas. Williams). Mr Till was ordered to put his stables in good order by next meeting. An application for an 11 o'clock license for the Railway Hotel was refused. The meeting was attended by Messrs Brown (Chairman), Rawson, Brugh and Thompson.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1893 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 31 August 1893 (plus other dates)

The Blood Horse Trickster by Leolinus Revoke winner if three first prizes will travel this season on the Wellington District. Pahautanui Mondays, Porirua Tuesdays, Johnsonville Wednesdays, Nag's Head Hotel Wellington Thursday, Lower Hutt Fridays.

For terms apply to T W Wyatt Owner Upper Hutt or

Edward Till Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 August 1893)

Evening Post newspaper 09 September 1893

The quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the Upper Hutt yesterday. There were present Messrs G Brown (Chairman), J Bengel, H E Rawson and J Thompson. The police had reported that Edward Till licensee of the Provincial Hotel had not complied with the conditions upon which his license has been granted nothing having been done to put the stables into proper order but when the meeting began Constable McKinnon stated that he had just ascertained that repairs had been effected. The Chairman regretted that the licensee had not done the work sooner because it had been necessary in consequence of repairs not having been carried out to call the Committee together. He warned hotelkeepers that in future steps would be taken to prevent the renewal of licenses in case where the instructions of the Committee had not been attended to. The meeting then terminated.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 September 1893)

Evening Post newspaper 09 September 1893

A meeting of the Upper Hutt Rifle Club will be held at the Provincial Hotel on Wednesday 13th instant at 7.30 pm – H E Rawson Captain

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 September 1893)

Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1893 (plus other dates)

The adjourned Public Meeting to be held on Saturday last at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt with reference to building a public Hall and getting the telephone laid on to that township will be held on Wednesday next 20th instant All households invited to attend

E Till Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1893)

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1894

Upper Hutt Rifle Club

The Annual Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Provincial Hotel on Saturday next at 7.30 pm Business important Alfred Keys Deputy Captain

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1894)

Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1894

Licensing Matters – Otaki Licensing Committee

The proceedings in connection with the annual meeting of the Otaki Licensing Committee did not terminate until nearly 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The following applications were dealt with in addition to those mentioned in my telegram yesterday [details about other hotels not transcribed] Edmund Till Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt The police reported that sanitary improvement were necessary

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1894)

In 1895 George Herbert Langdon was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1895 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I Edward Till, of Upper Hutt, Publican, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Upper Hutt, and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Otaki, on the 5th day of June, 1895, apply for a transfer of the said license from myself to George Herbert Langdon, my appointee.

Dated this 6th day of May 1895 - Edward Till

Menteath & Beere Applicant's Solicitor 6 Lambton Quay Wellington

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 11 May 1895 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1895

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I George Herbert Langdon, of Upper Hutt, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next licensing Meeting to be holden at Otaki, on the 5th day of June 1895, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's license for a house situate at the Upper Hutt, containing 15 rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family

Dated the 6th day of May 1895 - G H Langdon

Menteath & Beere Applicant's Solicitors 6 Lambton Quay

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1895)

Evening Post newspaper 13 May 1895

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I George Herbert Langdon, of Upper Hutt, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next licensing Meeting to be holden at Otaki, on the 5th day of June 1895, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's license for a house known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel situate at the Upper Hutt, containing 15 rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family

Dated the 6th day of May 1895 - G H Langdon

Messrs Staples & Co. are the owners of these premises

Menteath & Beere Applicant's Solicitors 6 Lambton Quay

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 13 May 1895)

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 May 1895 (plus other dates)

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotel brokers reported the following sales of hotel properties [various other details not transcribed] Mr E Till's interest in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr G H Langdon (late of Featherston)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 May 1895)

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 14 May 1895

Mr C H Langdon late for Featherston has purchased Mr E Till's interest in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 14 May 1895)

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 January & New Zealand Mail 16 January 1896

Sudden Death

An inquest was held at the Upper Hutt before Mr Ashcroft Coroner yesterday afternoon on the body of Henry Charles Young who died suddenly the previous evening. Dr Purdy stated that he

had made a post-mortem examination of the body and had no doubt death resulted from failure of the heart's action caused by the diseased condition of that organ and probably assisted by some mental worry. Mrs Young widow of the deceased said he was 65 years of age. She last saw him the previous day when he went to Wellington by the 10.30 am train. He did not return to the place they were staying at in Mungaroa Valley and in the evening she was shown his body at the Upper Hutt. She was told he had come out by the 5 o'clock train. He had never complained and never to her knowledge has a day's illness. He was much worried and considered he had been swindled out of his property. He was a most abstemious man. James Brown said deceased was a passenger by the 4.55 pm train from Wellington on Wednesday. He complained of a great pain in his chest and got off at the Upper Hutt looking very ill. William R Keys said deceased went into his shop at the Upper Hutt and said he felt queer and was afraid to attempt to walk to Mungaroa. Witness tried to get him a trap but was unable to do so and he then went back to him to ask him if he could ride. When he got near his shop he saw him lying on the front step of the shop dead. Witness got assistance and took the body to the Provincial Hotel. The jury of which Mr Frank Wilkie was foreman returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence. Mr Young it will be remembered petitioned Parliament on several occasions in connection with the Harper case. The deceased recently took up his residence in the Upper Hutt district. He leaves a widow and a daughter. He was well known in Christchurch
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 January & New Zealand Mail 16 January 1896)

Evening Post newspaper 10 January 1896

Funeral Notice – The Friends of the late Henry Charles Young are invited to attend Funeral which will leave the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt tomorrow the 11th at 10 am for the Church of England Cemetery – Charles Cudby senior undertaker
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 January 1896)

In July 1896 Samuel Kerr Milligan was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 21 August 1896

Messrs Dwan Bros., reported the following sales, Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr S Milligan of Ohingaiti, Club Hotel Kaiwarra to Mr H Wilkinson of Auckland, Post Office Hotel Foxton to Mr J Bradley of Shannon and Mrs Owen's Tenui Hotel Tenui to a local resident.
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 August 1896)

In the publication Old Wellington Hotels it states that "*The Provincial (10 rooms) which was rebuilt in 1890 after being badly damaged by fire, in charge was S K Milligan.*"
(Reference Old Wellington Hotels – Some History Personalities and Anecdotes by Pat Lawlor 1974 page 72)

New Zealand Times newspaper 22 August 1896

Messrs Dwan Bros., reported the following sales, The Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr S Milligan late of Ohingaiti, the Club Hotel Kaiwarra to Mr H Wilkinson of Auckland, The Post Office Hotel Foxton to Mr John Bradley of Shannon and Mrs Own's Tenui Hotel to a local resident.
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 22 August 1896)

Evening Post newspaper 25-27 August 1896

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I George Herbert Langdon, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Upper Hutt, in the Provincial District of Wellington, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Lower Hutt on the second day of September 1896, apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to Samuel Kerr Milligan, my appointee - Dated the 14th day of July, 1896 - (Sd.) George Herbert Langdon.
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 25 August 1896 page 1)

Provincial Hotel, (Samuel Kerr Milligan, proprietor) Main Road, Upper Hutt. This is a very, quiet and comfortable house. The building, which is of wood and iron, is one of the most prominent in the township. It contains ten bedrooms, four well-furnished sitting rooms, one of which, situated upstairs contains a good piano, a large dining room, and a billiard room, which is furnished with one of Allcock's well known tables. The stabling accommodation consists of fifteen stalls and three loose boxes. The Provincial Hotel, which had been destroyed by fire one more than one

occasion was rebuilt in 1890. Mr Milligan the landlord is a Scotchman by birth, and came to the Colony per ship "Victory" in 1863. He entered into possession of this hostelry in July 1896.
(Reference NZETC website 1897 The Cyclopaedia of New Zealand Upper Hutt and Surrounding Districts page 842)

Evening Post newspaper 19 September 1896 (plus other dates)
The Annual Meeting of the Upper Hutt Trotting Club will be held in the Provincial Hotel on Wednesday 23rd September
Business Election of Officers and General
All members and interested public are requested to attend – F Wilkie Secretary
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 19 September 1896)

New Zealand Times newspaper 21 September 1896
The Upper Hutt Trotting Club holds its annual meeting on Wednesday evening at the Provincial Hotel when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Those of the public that are interested in trotting are invited to be present
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 September 1896)

Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1896
The annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Rifle Club will be held on Tuesday next the 20th instant in the Provincial Hotel.
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1896)

Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1896
Upper Hutt Rifle Club
The Annual Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Provincial Hotel on Tuesday the 20th October. Business Election of Officers and General – C S Rawson Captain.
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1896)

Samuel Kerr MILLIGAN died 14 February 1897 at the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt.
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1897 folio website 1897/782 age 55 born about 1842)

Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1897
Funeral Notice
The funeral procession of the late Samuel Kerr Milligan will leave his late residence Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Tomorrow Tuesday 16th at 2 o' clock for the Church of England cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend – Charles Cudby senior Undertaker
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1897 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1897
Death – Milligan – On the 14th February 1897 at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Samuel Kerr Milligan aged 55 years. Greymouth papers please copy.
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1897 page 6)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 18 March 1897
Deaths – Milligan On 15th February at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Samuel Kerr Milligan aged 55 years.
(Reference Papers Past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 18 February 1897)

In 1897 James Butler was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

New Zealand Times newspaper 08 May 1897 (plus other dates)
Notice of Applications for a Publican's License
I James Butler of Upper Hutt Hotelkeeper do hereby give Notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Otaki on the 02nd day of June 1897 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's License for a house situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing 19 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.
Dated 07th day of May 1897 James Butler
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 08 May 1897)

Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1897

Wanted nice smart Girl as General Servant - Apply Mrs Butler Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1897 page 1)

New Zealand Times newspaper 17 December 1897 (plus other dates)

Wanted a good General Servant – Apply Mrs Butler Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 17 December 1897)

Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1898

A girl six years of age daughter of Mr Butler of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was run over by a horse in that township last week and had her leg broken

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1898 page 6)

New Zealand Times newspaper 07 May 1898 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I James Butler of Upper Hutt Publican do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court at Otaki on the 01st day of June 1898 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's License for a house situated in Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing 16 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dates 06th day of May 1898 James Butler

Messrs Johnston and Co are the owners of these premises

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 May 1898)

In 1898 Florence O'Leary [male] was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 06 December 1898

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotel brokers Willis Street report having sold on behalf of the Government Life Insurance Department the freehold of the Criterion Hotel Blenheim which is the leading hotel in that town, to a Wellington speculator [plus various other details not transcribed] Mr James Butler's interest in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr Florence O'Leary formerly of the Police Force.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 06 December 1898 page 5)

New Zealand Times newspaper 07 December & New Zealand Mail 08 December 1898

Messrs Dwan Brothers hotel brokers Willis Street report having sold on behalf of the Government Life Insurance Department the freehold of the Criterion Hotel Blenheim the leading hotel in that town, to a Wellington speculator [plus various other details not transcribed] Mr James Butler's interest in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr Florence O'Leary formerly of the Police Force.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 December & New Zealand Mail 08 December 1898)

Evening Post newspaper 04 January 1899

Mr F O'Leary formerly a police officer of 20 years standing has become the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel at the Upper Hutt and promises visitors to that picturesque spot a hearty welcome and the best of attendance.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 04 January 1899 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 04 January 1899 (plus other dates)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

Pleasure seeks and those in search of health will find first class Accommodation at the above hotel in the picturesque Valley of the Upper Hutt - Moderate charges - Wines and Spirits of the best quality

F O'Leary Proprietor

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 04 January 1899 page 8)

In 1899 Catherine Agnes O'Leary held the license for the Provincial Hotel with consent from her husband Florence O'Leary.

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 February 1899 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I James Butler of the Upper Hutt being the holder of Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court Otaki on the 02 day of March 1899 apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to Catherine Agnes O'Leary a married women holding a married women's property protection order my appointee.

Dated the 19th day of January 1899 James Butler

I consent hereto F O'Leary

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 February 1899)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 May 1899 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I Catherine O'Leary of Upper Hutt Hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court at Otaki on the 01st day of June 1899 apply for a Certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's License for a house situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing 16 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated 04th day of May 1839 – C A O'Leary

Messrs Johnston and Co., are the owners of these premises

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 May 1899)

New Zealand Times newspaper 16 May 1899

Messrs Dwan Bros., report having sold Mr Kelly's interest in the Albion Hotel Patea to Mr James Butler late of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (various other details not transcribed)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 16 May 1899)

Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1899

Dwan Bros report having sold Mr Kelly' s interest in the Albion Hotel Patea to Mr James Butler late of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt [various other details not transcribed]

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1899 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 14 September 1899

Last night at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Mr J McWhinney who is about to be transferred by the Railway Department to New Plymouth was entertained by about forty of his personal friends. Mr Connell occupied the chair.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 September 1899)

New Zealand Times newspaper 15 & 21 September 1899

Mr J McWhinney of the Provincial Hotel who is leaving for the Railway Hotel New Plymouth was entertained by his friends and the best wishes are expressed for his success in his new venture.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 15 & 21 September 1899)

The above newspaper article is not correct as John Wesley McWhinney was a fireman / N.Z.R. engineman employed by the Railway department and was transferred to New Plymouth by the Railway Department. His wife was Elizabeth McWhinney nee McCorkindale.

Evening Post newspaper 01 November 1900

Last night some sixty settlers met at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to say good-bye to Mr Joseph Mabey who is about to leave the district after forty two years residence. The proceedings took the form of a smoke concert during which Mr Mabey was presented by the Chairman (Mr H E Rawson) on behalf of the settlers with a marble gong-sounding clock and a silver mounted pipe. A silver teapot was also given to Miss Mabey.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 November 1900)

New Zealand Times newspaper 03 November 1900

Upper Hutt

The Upper Hutt was in great glee on Wednesday night when about eighty settlers met at the Provincial Hotel at a social given in honour of one of our oldest settlers, Mr Joseph Mabey who

has been a resident here for about fifty years and who has lately sold his farm and is about to reside in Palmerston North. He was presented with a silver mounted pipe and a very handsome large marble clock his daughter Miss Mabey was also presented with a very pretty silver teapot. Mr H E Rawson presided and the tables were loaded with a splendid spread of everything that the most fastidious could desire.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 03 November 1900)

New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1901

Mr G G Schwartz calls or tenders for additions and alterations to the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1901)

New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1901 (plus other dates)

To Builders

Tenders will be received up to 4 pm of Friday the 04th of October for the erection of additions and alterations to the Provincial Hotel at the Upper Hutt.

Plans etc., can be seen at my office - G G Schwartz Architect

Imperial Chambers 6 Featherston Street

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 September 1901)

Evening Post newspaper 08 January 1902

Wanted a Roustabout for Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt able to milk

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 January 1902)

Evening Post newspaper 31 March 1902

Last Thursday night a banquet was given in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr C S Rawson JP who is about to leave the district to take up his residence in Otaki. About sixty gentlemen were present the chair being occupied by Mr W H Field, MHR. The health of the guest was proposed by Mr G Brown who on behalf of the settlers handed Mr Rawson a memento of the occasion.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 March 1902)

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 June & New Zealand Mail 11 June 1902

The quarterly meeting of the Otaki Licensing Committee was held at the Courthouse Otaki yesterday. [various other details not transcribed] In the case of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt an order was made that sufficient water for the accommodation of the public be laid on before the next quarterly meeting.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 June & New Zealand Mail 11 June 1902)

Evening Post newspaper 07 August 1902 (plus other dates)

Wanted a young Man to take charge of a first class billiard room

Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 August 1902)

Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1902 (plus other dates)

Specially Important to Investors and Capitalists of Moderate Means

The Trust Savings Bank Deposit for the smaller Investor is the purchase of Building Sections in an improving township

The First Opportunity ever offered on a large scale for the purchase of Business and Residential Sites in the Township of the Upper Hutt

Free from Biting Winds of the City Free from the Salt Sea Breezes of Port Nicholson and Cook Strait

For Private Sale George Town Upper Hutt

Magnificent Building Allotments in George Town Upper Hutt immediately adjoining the Railway Station and opposite the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1902)

New Zealand Times newspaper 25 October 1902 (plus other dates)

Wanted a useful Boy – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 25 October 1902)

Evening Post newspaper 01 November 1902 (plus other dates)

Dairy Farm to let by tender

To Let by Tender a Dairy Farm on main road opposite railway station Upper Hutt and three minutes' drive from creamery 47 acres in extent Tenders to close 15th November 1902. For future particulars apply James Brown Upper Hutt. Conditions of lease can be inspected at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 November 1902)

Evening Post newspaper 08 November 1902

Councillor George Brown who is retiring from the Hutt County Council after twelve year service is to be entertained at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt this evening. Advantage is to be taken of the opportunity to make a presentation to Councillor Brown as a mark of appreciate of services rendered.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 November 1902)

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 November & New Zealand Mail 12 November 1902

Councillor G Brown – Valedictory Gathering

There was a large and representative gathering at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday Evening when a presentation was made to Councillor G Brown on his retirement from office as representative of the Upper Hutt district on the Hutt County Council.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 November & New Zealand Times 12 November 1902)

New Zealand Times newspaper 24 November 1902 (plus other dates)

Upper Hutt Stock Sale – Thursday 04th December 1902 at 1 pm

F H Wood and Sons Ltd., will sell at the yards adjoining the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt as above [various details about the stock for sale but not transcribed]

Further entries may be left with Mr O'Leary at the hotel or with F H Wood and Sons Ltd Auctioneers

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 November 1902)

Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1903 (plus other dates)

Upper Hutt Monthly Stock Sale Monday 19th January 1903

F H Wood and Sons Ltd will sell as above at Mr O'Leary's Yards adjoining the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt [details about stock not transcribed] Further entries may be left with Mr O'Leary at the hotel or with F H Wood and Sons (Ltd) Auctioneers

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1903)

New Zealand Times newspaper 11 June 1903

Hutt Licenses All Granted

Yesterday the annual meeting of the Suburban Licensing Committee was held at the Courthouse Lower Hutt. The Police report regarding the conduct of the various houses is given [various details about other hotels and reports not transcribed]

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (Catherine Agnes O'Leary) well conducted. Mr Skerrett (for the license) mentioned that certain repairs alluded to be by the police were being carried out. The renewal was granted.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 11 June 1903)

Evening Post newspaper 05 August 1903 (plus other dates)

Residents of the Mungaroa Riding are invited by advertisement to attend a meeting at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Thursday evening to discuss urgent and important business relative to the erection of a Town Hall in the township. The matter was first brought forward by the local branch of the Farmers Union. Plans will be submitted at the meeting for approval.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 August 1903)

Evening Post newspaper 05 August 1903

Town Hall Upper Hutt

A special meeting of Residents interested in erection of above will be held at 7.30 pm Thursday 06th August Provincial Hotel

Business Plans Urgent Important – P d Davis Convenor

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 August 1903)

Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1903

At the quarterly meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee held today Dr McArthur SM presiding the business was chiefly of a formal character. The licenses of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and Central Hotel Lower Hutt were ordered to carry out repairs which had been referred to at the annual meeting. The license of the Central Hotel stated that he had repairs well in hand.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1903)

New Zealand Times newspaper 03 September 1903 (plus other dates)

Hutt Licensing Committee

The quarterly meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held in the courthouse Lower Hutt at noon yesterday Dr McArthur SM (chairman) and Messrs O Stevens, W Inglis, J Wilkins and J Cudby members of the committee. The chief business was consideration of reports by the police in respect of two licenses which had been granted at the annual meeting conditionally on certain repairs to premises being affected.

The first case dealt with was that of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. In reporting to the Inspector of Police the constable in charge of the district stated that at the annual meeting he had asked that extra conveniences should be erected at the rear of the hotel for the accommodation of the public but nothing had been done in the matter. It was very necessary the report went on to say that something should be done in the direction of remedying the fault. The yard at the rear of the hotel was represented to be in a very bad state and the constable asked that the licensee should be directed to have it cleaned up and have forty or fifty loads of gravel spread over it. The licensee was not represented in person or by council.

The clerk (Mr Holmes), after reading the statement, presumed that the license had been granted subject to necessary alterations to premises being carried out. Mr Inglis said that was not the case. The license had been granted on the statement of Mr Skerrett that the repairs referred to by the police in their report to the committee at the annual meeting had already been executed. The chairman: I am sure Mr Skerrett was not aware that the repairs had not been affected. The clerk stated that the licensee (Catherine Agnes O'Leary) had been notified by the police that she had disregarded the recommendations of the committee at the annual meeting. Mr Inglis said he did not think it was right that the committee should be treated in such a slipshod manner. The chairman No and it will not be allowed. Mr Inglis interjected that he did not intend to put up with it any longer, and the chairman remarked that the repairs would have to be effected at once. Mr Inglis further stated that he had no desire to unduly press licensees. After some further discussion the chairman suggested that Mr Skerrett and the licensee should be, written to, intimating that unless the repairs were affected within one month, steps would be taken to entreat the license

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 03 September 1903)

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 October 1903

A meeting was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to consider the formation of a trotting club in that district. Mr McGovern was asked to preside and in opening the meeting he remarked that judging from the large attendance the object in view would receive hearty support. It was decided that the club be styled the Hutt Valley Trotting Club and the secretary was instructed to write to the association in regard to the necessary permit etc. Suitable grounds have been placed at the disposal of the club. A further meeting will be called at an early date

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 October 1903)

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 October 1903

Meeting – Hutt Valley Trotting Club at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt at 7.30

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 October 1903)

Evening Post newspaper 02 December 1903 (plus other dates)

Hutt Licensing Committee

The Clerk (Mr A H Holmes) said that there were no objections by the police to report in respect of other premises. At the last quarterly meeting the police had pointed to the necessity for some

improvements to the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. These had now been completed. The Magistrate said he has personally inspected the premises and had found everything satisfactory. (Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 December 1903)

During the years 1903 and 1904 various auctions took place at the sale yards adjoining the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt. The sale yards were often referred to as the O'Leary yards and were once situated at the back of the hotel in Queens Street.

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 March 1904

A meeting of the Hutt Valley Trotting Club was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday evening.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 March 1904)

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904

The Upper Hutt

Mr. John Wilkin, now of the Lower Hutt, where his figure is a familiar one on the local Magisterial Bench, stands, out prominently as an authority on matters pertaining to the growth of Upper Hutt. The timber in the grand forest that once covered the land was of the very best and Mr Wilkin, as a sawyer, can give an expert opinion. The timbers chiefly used were matai, rimu, and totara, and there was probably no better forest in the colony. Many of the trees were 100 feet high, and the totara of which there was plenty, was five and six feet through. But there as low down the valley, the floods did great damage, and carried away much of the richest land. The timber industry was the mainstay of the place for a long time. The price of timber then ran up to about 12s 6d per 100 feet in Wellington, as it cost nearly as much to get it to town as the price paid at the mill. The best men at the mills got 7s a day, but 5s was the average. Mr Wilkin has earned as much as £10 a week sawing, and he had a contract with two sawmills for seven years, during which he averaged about £1 a day. It cost from 2s to 2s 6d a hundredweight to get goods up from Wellington. Beef was sixpence a pound, mutton eight pence, flour went as high as £2 a cwt, a little Dutch cheese would cost 10s 6d, while 28s was the cost of a very rough pair of boots, locally made. Clothes also were very dear. Among the oldest buildings in the district now are those where once Cruickshank's sawmill ran merrily by water power. These are now much "dilapidated. Mr Cruickshank was sent out by Lord Petes [sic] to manage the mill. The unoccupied dwelling-house situated on the line site at the back of the old mill has it is strange to learn in this prosaic age the reputation among the superstitious of being haunted. The orchard in the adjoining grounds looks far more as though it has been haunted.

Thirty-eight years ago Mr Wilkin purchased outright the old Highland Home Hotel, which later became the Trentham Hotel, was destroyed by fire a year or two ago, and has now been replaced by an up-to-date hostelry. Mr Wilkin was there for some years before selling out. There was then at the Upper Hutt the Criterion Hotel, which stood about where the new Town Hall is, while later the Provincial Hotel was built by Mr Joseph Ames. The township was a very busy one when the line over the Rimutaka, was in course of formation, and now with improved means of communication with the city, it is growing very rapidly, and new houses may be seen on all sides. Now we are promised a new township of Trentham. It is interesting to learn that part of an old stockade used in the troubled times with the natives still exists at the rear of the property known as "Homewood," which was recently sold by auction. Right up the fertile valley the traveller sees signs of progress and prosperity.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904)

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904

Hutt Licensing Committee

A meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held at the Lower Hutt today.

Constable Thompson submitted a report on the condition of the licensed houses in the Upper Hutt District. Referring to the Provincial Hotel, he said that since presenting the last quarterly report, acetylene gas had been laid on and several of the rooms had been re-papered. The premises were now fairly furnished and clean. At the commencement of this quarter a complaint had been made alleging that the licensee permitted gambling to take place in the hotel. The constable said he frequently visited the place, but could never find a trace of gambling. It was also alleged that after he visited the hotel on Sundays to go to Trentham, people other than bona

fide travellers had been supplied with liquor. Lately, however, the constable had no cause to complain as to the manner in which the house was conducted. The licensee had endeavoured to comply with the Act, especially in regard to the Sunday trade, and the house was frequented by a good class of people.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904 page 6)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 March 1904

A meeting of the Hutt Valley Trotting Club was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday evening. Mr Wilkie presided.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 March 1904)

New Zealand Times newspaper 03 March 1904

At a meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee yesterday the license of the Bellvue Hotel was transferred from W Hodder to C G F Eagar, and of the Family Hotel from P Casey to J Young. The police report stated that the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was fairly furnished and clean and frequented by a good class of people and the Trentham Hotel was clean and well conducted. The licenses were careful to comply with the Act.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 03 March 1904)

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 29 March 1904 (plus various other 1904 newspapers)

**UPPER HUTT MONTHLY
STOCK SALE.**

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7th, at 1 p.m.

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F H. WOOD & SONS, LTD., will sell,
as above, at Mr O'Leary's yards,
adjoining **Provincial Hotel**, Upper Hutt:—
Entries are now invited, and may be left
at the **Provincial Hotel**, or with—

**W. B. TRAVERS, F. H. WOOD & SONS,
Resident Agent. LTD., Auctioneers.**

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times 29 March 1904 & various other 1904 papers)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1904

The Provincial Hotel

One of the finest hotels of the Upper that of the Provincial Hotel owned and managed by T O'Leary. It has ample accommodation for man and beast, having thirty bedrooms, and a twenty one stall stable. It is the home of sporting men and the stopping place for the New Zealand Cycling Touring Club. Within a stone's throw of the Upper Hutt railway station, two minutes' walk of the Government recreation grounds, and with the river close at hand, added to the very acceptable facts of a good table and capital attention, small wonder if the hotel enjoys the liberal patronage it does.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1904)

New Zealand Times newspaper 26 July 1904 (plus other dates)

Wanted a Roustabout for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 July 1904)

Evening Post newspaper 05 August 1904 (plus other dates)

Petone Aerated Water and Cordial Works

(The Oldest Established Aerated Water Business in the Hutt Valley)

One of the many testimonials – Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

Mr J Poswillo Petone Dear Sir we are having such a large run on your Lime-juice and Soda in the lemonade bottles. Customers when asking for whisky, lime-juice and soda will have nothing else. Please sent at once by rail 10 cases Lime-juice and Soda as I have run right out of it and oblige.

C O'Leary Hotelkeeper Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 August 1904)

Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1904

Upper Hutt Rifle Club

The Annual Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Provincial Hotel on Saturday 15th

October F Wilkie Secretary

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1904)

Evening Post newspaper 12 April 1905

An early sitting of the Magistrates Court was held this morning at the Upper Hutt by Dr A McArthur SM. Thomas Wyet for having on the evening of April Fools day used obscene language was fined 10s and 7s costs in default seven days imprisonment. Three residents of the district pleaded guilty to having been found in the Provincial Hotel after hours and were each convicted and ordered to pay coats. It was shown that no drink had been supplied to them.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 12 April 1905)

New Zealand Times newspaper 08 May 1905 (plus other dates)

Wanted Roustabout one that can milk preferred – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 08 May 1905)

Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1905

Hutt Licensing Committee – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held at Lower Hutt today. Renewals of licenses were granted as follows - Catherine Agnes O'Leary Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus others)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1905 page 6)

New Zealand Times newspaper 17 August 1905

Wanted a Useful Man able to Milk – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 17 August 1905)

Evening Post newspaper 23 September 1905

Upper Hutt Rifle Club

The Annual Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Provincial Hotel on Saturday 30th

September at 7.30 am – F W Connell Captain

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 September 1905)

In 1905 some of the residents in the Provincial Hotel were [1] Mary CAHILL spinster [2] Hugh MCKENZIE porter [3] Herbert Thomas Daniel YOUNG shunter [5] Harry BULL labourer.

Evening Post newspaper 07 March 1906

A Meeting of Farmers of Wellington District and Milkmen of Wellington will be held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Friday 09th instant at 7. O' clock pm to discuss the question of depot price of milk and other matters affecting the trade

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 March 1906)

Evening Post newspaper 10 March 1906 (plus other dates)

Important Sale in the Centre of the Township of the Upper Hutt

Seventeen Building Sections between the Railway Station and the Provincial Hotel

Been held back from Sale for over half a century - In the Exchange Land Mart No. 84, Lambton-quay, Wellington on Wednesday 04th April 1906 at 2.30 o'clock pm

MacDonald Wilson and Co., are favoured with instructions from Mr C T Price to sell by public auction seventeen highly valuable building sections in the centre of the township of the Upper Hutt. These sections front the Main Hutt Road, the road to the Upper Hutt Railway Station, Russell Street, and the Wellington Wairarapa Railway Line.

Each Section has a frontage of from 40ft to 54ft by a depth ranging up to 187ft and contains from one eighth of an acre to over a quarter acre each.

They are situated in the very heart of the Upper Hutt Township, being within a stone's throw of the Provincial Hotel and the Government Railway Station.

The whole of the block of which, those seventeen sections are the subdivision has been locked up from sale for over half a century. Settlement and building has grown year by year round about the block, until today it is the very core of the Township of the Upper Hutt.

The Upper Hutt has a very clear and bright future before it, and the quaint and primitive township which now delights the eye of the artist will in a brief period become a hive of commercial activity. Then the small investor who has invested a few pounds in the sections now for sale will feel himself a marvel of wisdom, because he will be able to sell out at double and treble his present purchase money.

The Terms are Ten per cent, deposit, Ten per cent, in three and six months, balance in five years, interest five per cent, per annum. Title, Land Transfer.

Lithographic plans can be had at Hazelwood's Store Upper Hutt, and at Auctioneers' offices.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 March 1906)

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 April 1906 (plus other dates)

Wanted a Man that can milk generally useful – Apply by letter Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt wages £1 per week.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 April 1906)

New Zealand Times newspaper 21 July 1906

Constable Nash stationed at Upper Hutt said that on Monday 25th June at 11 am he arrested accused [Ernest Carl Max Mielsch] outside the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. He was riding a bicycle.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 July 1906)

New Zealand Times newspaper 24 August 1906 (plus other dates)

Wanted a Roustabout one who can milk for Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – Apply by letter wages £1 per week - F O'Leary

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 August 1906)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 September 1906

The quarterly meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held yesterday, Mr Orton Stevens presiding. There were also present Messrs J Cudby, Cotton, Inglis and Ryder. The application for renewal of license for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (adjourned from last meeting pending additions to premises) was further adjourned till next quarterly meeting the additions not been made. The chairman reported that the committee had visited Upper Hutt and were surprised that the improvements had not been carried out. Mrs O'Leary stated that the architect engaged to undertake the work had been seized with a serious illness and the plans were not available for some time. Everything was now proceeding expeditiously and the alterations would be completed within a month. The chairman emphasised the necessity for carrying out the undertaking as promised to the committee, there must be no nonsense about the matter.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 September 1906)

Evening Post newspaper 06 September 1906

The application for the renewal of the license of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, was again under consideration. The matter was adjourned at the last meeting, to permit of additions being made to the hotel premises. The chairman said that the committee had visited the place and I were surprised to find that the improvements had not been carried out. An explanation was made by Mrs O'Leary to the effect that the architect engaged to undertake work had been

seriously ill, consequently there was a delay in obtaining the plans. Everything was now proceeding satisfactorily, and the improvements would probably be completed within a month. The matter was further adjourned until the next quarterly meeting, the acting chairman stating that if the work was not done by then the license would be cancelled.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 06 September 1906 page 7)

Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1906

Hutt Licensing Committee - Trifled with too Long - Provincial Hotel

A meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held at the Lower Hutt today. The matter of the renewal of the license of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, was mentioned by Mr Lynch, on behalf of Mrs C A. O'Leary. He stated that at the last meeting the applicant was given time to effect certain repairs. These had been pushed on as rapidly as possible, and although they were not completed they could be completed within three week. It was a work very difficult to carry out on account of the premises being occupied, and the alterations and repairs being made at the same time.

Inspector Ellison stated that the new bedrooms had been completed, and were comfortable in size and well provided for in fire escapes. They were only partially furnished, and Mrs O'Leary had explained that she only had part of the week to do the furnishing. He expected the new rooms be furnished so that respectable people going to the hotel for decent accommodation would be satisfied, but the bedding was inferior and second hand, and should not be put into a new house. In fact, he did not think it was fit for any licensed premises.

The Chairman, after further explanations, said the committee had decided that plenty of notice had been given to the licensee and owners of the place. The committee was now in this position: it would give Mrs O'Leary until 6th March to dispose of whatever interest she had in the hotel. Unless the proprietors brought the place up to a standard sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the police, the license would be in jeopardy. Mrs O'Leary must be out by 6th March, and at that time the proprietors must have the hotel in proper order. We have been trifled with too long, added the chairman.

A Committee man Yes, we have been six months at it now.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1906 page 8)

In 1907 Charles Henry Williams was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 16 January 1907

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt - Under New Management

This Hotel has just had an addition of 18 Rooms, and is being renovated and refurnished throughout. Only Best Wine and Spirits Stocked - Chas. H Williams Proprietor.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 16 January 1907 page 8)

New Zealand Times newspaper 17 January 1907

Mr C H Williams's proprietor of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt has an advertisement in another column

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 17 January 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 17 January 1907 (plus other newspapers and dates)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt under New Management

This Hotel has just has an addition of 18 Rooms and is being renovated and refurnished throughout. Only best Wines and Spirits Stocked

Charles H Williams Proprietor

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 January 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 19 January 1907 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I Catherine Agnes O'Leary of Upper Hutt, Hotelkeeper, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect to the house and premises situate at Main road, Upper Hutt, and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court, Lower Hutt, on the sixth day of March 1907, apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Charles Henry William, my appointee.

Dated the seventh day of January 1907 - C A O'Leary

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 19 January 1907 page 3)

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 February 1907

Tenders for alterations and additions to the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt close at noon on 05th March – Mr J Charlesworth is the architect.

(Reference Papers Past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 February 1907 page 9)

New Zealand Times 20 February & Evening Post 22 February 1907 (plus other dates)

To Builders

Tenders are invited for alterations and additions to the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to close on Tuesday 05th March at noon.

J Charlesworth Architect 12 Grey Street.

(Reference Papers Past website New Zealand Times 20 February & Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 23 February 1907 (plus other dates)

Waldegrave Park Estate opposite the Upper Hutt Railway Station

Thomas & Brown will sell by Public auction on Wednesday Evening 06th March 1907 at 7.30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce Room Customhouse Quay

179 Residential Sections – Free Railway Passes – A fact to be noted

Plans have now been prepared by the Government for the erection of the new Railway Workshops at the Upper Hutt

Terms of Sale £5 deposit, £10 in 6 months, £10 in 12 months, balance at 5 per cent.

Plans to be obtained at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

Thomson & Brown Auctioneers Hunter Street

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 February 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 04 April 1907

Wanted good Carpenters – Apply H Alexander Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 April 1907)

New Zealand Times newspaper 27 April 1907

Alterations are also being made to the Provincial Hotel Lower Hutt (now leased by Mr Williams late of Karori) from Mr Charleston's plans.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 27 April 1907)

New Zealand Times newspaper 08 May 1907 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I Charles H Williams of Upper Hutt Hotel-keeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court at Lower Hutt on the 05th day of June 1907 apply of a Publican's License for a house situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing 25 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated 30th of April 1907 – Charles H Williams

Messrs J Staples and Co. are the owners of these premises - Address of owners Wellington

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 08 May 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1907

Hutt Licensing Committee – Annual Meeting - Renewals

Renewals of licenses were granted to the following applicants – C H Williams Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus other hotels and proprietors)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1907 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1907

In commenting on C H Williams's application for a renewal of the license of the Provincial Hotel, Mr McArthur said the licensee would have to put his premises in better order. The application was granted for three months only, and instructions were given to have certain improvements carried out by that time.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1907 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1907

New Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – Containing over 40 bedrooms – Replete with every modern convenience – Picnic parties catered for – C H Williams Proprietor.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1907 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1908

The following renewals of licenses were granted the police reports being favourable.

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt C H Williams.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1908 page 3)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1907

Licensing Committee Hutt – Provincial Hotel

Concerning the Provincial Hotel his Worship said there was insufficient expedition shown in the execution of certain repairs. The license was renewed for three months.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1907)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 October & Dominion newspaper 04 October 1907

Upper Hutt Rifle Club

The annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Rifle Club was held in the Provincial Hotel last evening. There was a large attendance of old members and five new members were proposed.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 October & Dominion newspaper 04 October 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1907

Notice is given in our advertising columns of a meeting of dairymen to be held in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday evening to discuss dairy matters generally.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 10 December 1907 (plus other dates including year 1908)

New Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

Containing over 40 rooms - Replete with every modern convenience

Picnic Parties Catered for – C H Williams Proprietor

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 December 1907)

In 1908 some of the residents in the Provincial Hotel were [1] Harry BULL labourer [2] Mary CAHILL spinster [3] Herbert Thomas Daniel YOING shunter [4] John CASSIDY railway porter [5] Albert EVERETT waiter [6] Elwyn GREENE barmaid [7] Margaret KEARNEY spinster [8] Hannah NORTON Spinster [9] William LOUGHMAN hotel porter [10] Christopher Augustine MCCARTHY gardener [11] James MCDONALD porter [12] David Alexander MCLEOD bricklayer [13] James Edward ROWLEY steward [14] Minnie TULETT spinster [15] George WEBSTER horticulturalist [16] Charles Henry WILLIAMS Hotelkeeper [17] Francis Hurman WILLIAMS clerk [18] Susan Dorees WILLIAMS married [19] Walter George Quoton WILLIAMS hotel manager

Evening Post newspaper 04 March 1908

The Brown homestead was on the site where the Provincial Hotel now stands and many people asked them to cut up a certain portion of the land for business sites and private dwellings.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 March 1908)

Dominion newspaper 05 June 1908

Hutt and Petone Hotels – Licensing Committee

The following renewals of licenses were granted the police reports being favourable – Provincial Hotel C H Williams (other hotels and proprietors not transcribed)

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 June 1908)

Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1908 (plus other dates)

Upper Hutt – Monthly Stock Sale – Monday 17th August 1903 at 1 pm

F H Wood and Sons Ltd., will sell as above at Mr O'Leary's yards adjoining the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt [various stock and items not transcribed]

Entries may be left at the Provincial Hotel or with Mr W B Travers Resident Agent

F H Wood and Sons Ltd.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1908)

It is not known if the sale yards were owned by Mr and/or Mrs O'Leary or is this was a local name given for the sale yards.

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 October 1908

There was keen bidding yesterday when Messrs Harcourt and Co sold privileges in connection with the race meeting at Trentham next week. The grandstand booth was sold to Mr C H Williams of the Provincial Hotel at £91 and the publican's booth outside to Mr Charles Benge of the Trentham Hotel at £12.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 October 1908)

Dominion newspaper 14 October 1908

There was a good attendance at Messrs Harcourt and Co's rooms yesterday when at noon they offered at auction the privileges in connection with then Trentham race meeting next week. The grandstand and members bars were purchases by Mr C H William of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt for £91 and the outside booth in the people's stand by Mr Charles Benzie of the Trentham Hotel for £42. There are equal to the highest prices yet paid for the booths for the October meeting

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 14 October 1908)

Evening Post newspaper 14 January 1909

Lost Gold Bangle between Upper Hutt and Trentham

Finder reward at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 January 1909)

New Zealand Times newspaper 15 January 1909

It was alleged that the Provincial Hotel at Upper Hutt had been open on the afternoon of the day of the election and that at least one man was inebriated.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 15 January 1909)

Evening Post newspaper 15 January 1909

Continuing witness said he saw the door of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt open in the afternoon of the day of the election and noticed a man under the influence of liquor coming out.

Charles Henry Lepper who drove the previous witness to Upper Hutt said he did not notice anything peculiar about the hotel.

David W Blair a driver said that on the day of the poll he was at Trentham and Upper Hutt. At the later place he noticed the door of the Provincial Hotel open. He saw men coming out and saw two men drunk. Witness himself had partaken of beer in the stable near the hotel. He did not know of any other stables in connection with the hotel. Witness did not pay for his drink and did not see anyone else paying

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 January 1909)

New Zealand Times newspaper 21 January 1909

Walter George William Upper Hutt son of the license of the Provincial Hotel said he was driving a motor car on the Election Day taking people to the booths, the car had a hood on it. He did affix a poster entitled "Liberty" to the car. It was put there without his knowledge or consent. He returned to Upper Hutt from Mungaroa about 11.30. About 4.45 he discovered that the poster has been affixed to the rear of his car and he then removed it. Directly he was conscious of the picture being on the car he removed it.

Constable Nash said that on Election Day he was in charge of the Upper Hutt district. He was a boarder in the Provincial Hotel and was near the hotel all day. He was in the Courthouse and had full view of the hotel which he visited frequently. He had told the licensee to keep his bar closed from 12 to 7 pm as Mr Williams was somewhat inexperienced in the matter of elections. Can you say that the bar was closed? Yes absolutely from my own observation. The stables were not now part of the hotel. They were in the possession of William Henry Edwards and had been for some time past

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 January 1909)

Evening Post newspaper 21 January 1909

Charles H Williams, licensee of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, denied that the bar of his house was opened between noon and 7 pm on Election Day. He had served no liquor. The stables near his hotel were leased by William Edwards, and have been in his possession for 18 months. Witness had nothing to do with them on the day of the poll. Witness continuing, said the Provincial Hotel was owned by Staples and Company. Witness let the stables on a weekly tenancy to Edwards.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 21 January 1909 page 7)

Evening Post newspaper 29 January 1909

Wanted to sell first-class Dog Cart Horse and Harness complete suit a doctor – Apply Charles H William Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 January 1909)

Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1909

A special meeting of the Upper Hutt Town Board was held on Saturday night at which there were present the chairman Mr G Benge and Commissioners Craig, Harrison, Keys, Martin and Wilkie. It was resolved on the motion of Commissioner Harrison to invite the Hon the premier the member for the district the councillors for the Mungaroa Riding to a public luncheon to be held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt at the conclusion of the ceremony of opening the new post office.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1909)

Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1909 (plus others dates)

Upper Hutt Town Board – A Complimentary Luncheon

Will be tendered the Hon the premier at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Friday 02nd April 1909 on the occasion of the Opening of the New Post Office. The residents are invited to co-operate. Tickets may be obtained from any of the Town Commissioners or at the Office of the Town Board Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1909)

In 1909 Mr Campbell applied for the license of the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1909

Mr C H Williams Upper Hutt has disposed of his interest in the Provincial Hotel to Mr Campbell of Wanganui who is to take possession about the 7th instant.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1909 page 2)

In 1909 Alexander Armstrong was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 August 1909 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I Charles Henry Williams of Upper Hutt being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court Wellington on the 06th day of September 1909 apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Alexander Armstrong my appointee.

Dated this 08th day of July 1909 – Charles H Williams

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 August 1909)

Evening Post newspaper 06 September 1909

The only business at the quarterly sitting of the Hutt Licensing Committee today was the transfer of the license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, from Mr C H Williams, now of Barrett's Hotel, to Mr Alex Armstrong late chief gaoler at Wellington.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 06 September 1909 page 8)

New Zealand Times newspaper 07 September 1909

The quarterly meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held at Lower Hutt yesterday. Dr A McArthur SM presiding. The only business on the order paper was an application for the transfer

of the license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt from C H Williams to Alexander Armstrong. No objection being raised the application was granted. The members of the committee present were Messrs Cudby, Inglis, Cotton and Ryder.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 September 1909)

Dominion newspaper 24 September 1909
The Gold Seekers – Meeting at Upper Hutt

A meeting of those interested in prospecting for gold and other precious metals supposed to exist in the hillsides near Akatarawa in the property of Messrs Morgan and Son was held at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt yesterday. The position is that for many years past gold has been heard of in the Akatarawa district but no systematic prospecting has ever been undertaken. Recently Messrs A J and W Morgan came across a quartz outcrop on their property and they thereupon decided to collect money £300 was the sum mentioned for the purpose of engaging an expert to go over the ground and prepare a report.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 24 September 1909)

Evening Post newspaper 02 February & New Zealand Times 03 February 1910

Steps are being taken to form a brass band at the Upper Hutt. A number of persons interested in the movement met in the Provincial Hotel in the township last night. Mr Thomas Edwards in the chair and much enthusiasm was displayed. It was decided to ask the chairman of the Hutt County Council to call a public meeting next week to further the scheme. A considerable amount of money has already been subscribed for the purchase of instruments etc., and it is hoped that in the near future the Upper Hutt will possess a band worthy of the district.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 February & New Zealand Times 03 February 1910)

In 1910 Mrs A M (Florence May) Paulsen was granted temporary license for Provincial Hotel.

Provincial Hotel 1909-1913



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Provincial Hotel 1909-1913 Ray Randell collection)

New Zealand Times newspaper 03 March 1910

Messrs Skerrett and Wylie forwarded a cheque for £2 2s being the fee for the temporary transfer of the license of the Provincial Hotel from A Armstrong to Mrs Paulsen.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 03 March 1910)

Evening Post newspaper 07 March & New Zealand Times 08 March 1910

Mr Haselden SM presided at the meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee today. Messrs Cudby, J Cotton, W Inglis, R N Ryder were also on the bench. A temporary transfer of the license of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, from A Armstrong to Mrs A M Paulsen was also granted.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 07 March & New Zealand Times 08 March 1910)

New Zealand Times newspaper 11 March 1910

The death occurred at 9.15 o'clock last night of Mr Charles Henry William's lessee of Barrett's Hotel at the age of sixty three years. Mr William was born in Birmingham in 1847 and was apprenticed to the famous Perkins firm of locket-makers. He arrived in New Zealand forty years ago in the ship Pleiades and sent to the land. Tiring of rural life, he started a tobacconist business in Wellington afterwards taking over the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. This he relinquished in favour of Barrett's Hotel where he remained until his death. The deceased was a member of the Karori Borough Council and was a large property holder. Messrs George and Frank William are sons of deceased.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 11 March 1910)

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 April 1910 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I Florence May Paulsen of Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrate's Court Upper Hutt on the Sixth Day of June 1910 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's License for a house situated in the Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing 34 Rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated 19th day of April 1910 Florence May Paulsen

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 April 1910)

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 April 1910 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I Alexander Armstrong of Upper Hutt being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situated at Upper Hutt Wellington and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the Magistrate's Court Wellington on the First day of June 1910 apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Florence May Paulsen my appointee

Dated this 26th day of February 1910 – Alex Armstrong

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 April 1910)

Evening Post newspaper 06 June & New Zealand Times & Dominion 07 June 1910

Hutt Hotels – Annual Meeting of Licensing Bench

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held in the Magistrates Court Lower Hutt at noon today, Mr Haselden SM presiding. Other members present were Messrs J Cudby, J Cotton, W Inglis, H Ryder and Orton Stevens. Transfers were approved as follows - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, A Armstrong to F M Paulsen (plus other hotels not transcribed). Renewals were granted in the following instances Provincial F M Paulsen (plus other hotels not transcribed)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post 06 June 1910 & New Zealand Times & Dominion 07 June 1910)

In 1911 Richard Quinn held the license for the Provincial Hotel

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 January 1911

Telephone Exchange – R Quinn Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 January 1911 page 1)

Evening Post 16 January & New Zealand Times & Dominion 17 January 1911

Messrs Dwan Bros., Willis Street reported having sold Mr M J Donnelly's interest in the lease, furniture and goodwill of the New Zealander Hotel Manners Street Wellington to Mr C McManus late of the Empire Hotel Fielding and lately of the Railway Hotel Lower Hutt, (plus other hotel details not transcribed) & Mr F N Paulson's interest in the lease, furniture and goodwill of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr Richard Quinn late of Prince of Wales Hotel Wellington

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post 16 January & New Zealand Times & Dominion 17 January 1911)

Evening Post newspaper 17 January 1911

Mrs Paulson's late of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt has taken over the New Commercial Hotel Lambton Quay.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 17 January 1911 page 8)

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 January 1911

Stables Destroyed by Fire

The stables attached to the Provincial Hotel at the Upper Hutt were destroyed by fire during Saturday night. Amongst the inmates was Zealand who had won the Ruapehu Handicap at Trentham during the afternoon but Mr Buick's gelding was got out uninjured. Unfortunately this was not the case with a hack racer belonging to Mr Vavasour of Blenheim the gelding being suffocated.

(Reference Papers Past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 January 1911)

Evening Post newspaper 30 January 1911 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I Florence May Paulsen, of the Upper Hutt, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect, of the premises situate at Upper Hutt, and known by the name of the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Lower Hutt, on the 6th day of March 1911 apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to Richard Quinn, my appointee.

Dated at Wellington 17th day of December 1910 – F M Paulsen

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 30 January 1911 page 8)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 February 1911 (plus other dates)

Telephone Exchange – R Quinn Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 February 1911)

Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1911 (plus other newspapers and dates)

Dalgety and Company Ltd have received instructions from the Registrar of the Supreme Court at Wellington at the request of the proprietor of Memorandum of Mortgage Registered Number 76070 to sell by Public Auction at their sale Yards situated next to the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Thursday the 23rd day of February 1911 at 12 o'clock noon the following Freehold Property.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1911)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 February 1911

Town Board Meeting The usual monthly meeting of the Upper Hutt Town Board took place on Thursday 09 February at the Town Board office Upper Hutt Commissioner Harrison (chairman) presiding and all the other members of the board being present. The following works were referred to the Works Committee to inspect and report upon the order of urgency - grade water-table from Provincial Hotel to Royal Street crossing, -

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 February 1911)

New Zealand Times newspaper 07 March 1911

Hutt Licensing Bench

The quarterly sitting of the Hutt Licensing Bench occupied Dr McArthur SM and Messrs Cudby, Cotton and Bryden exactly thirty seconds yesterday. Transfers of the Grand National Hotel Petone from O Deseux to W J Jorgensen and of the Provincial Hotel from Florence Paulsen to Richard Quinn were granted.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 March 1911)

Evening Post newspaper & Dominion 07 March 1911 (plus other newspapers and dates)

The only business before the Hutt Licensing Committee at their meeting yesterday was the granting of transfers of the licenses of the Grand National Hotel Petone from Otto Deseux to Walter J Jorgensen and of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt from Florence May Paulsen to Richard Quinn.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post & Dominion newspapers 07 March 1911)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1911 (other newspapers and dates)

Licensing Annual Meeting of Hutt Committee

Renewals were granted in the following cases - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt R Quinn (plus other hotels not transcribed)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1911 page 8)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911 (plus other dates)

Provincial Hotel

This Hotel contains over 50 rooms, and is replete with every modern convenience. First-class accommodation for Tourists Travellers etc. Trout streams within a short distance of the hotel.

Livery stables and sale-yards alongside the premises

R Quinn Proprietor

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911

Axemen's Carnival Balance Sheet

For the next Carnival a donation of ten pounds has been received from the Provincial Hotel and trophies have also been promised by Messrs Davis and Whiteman

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911)

Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1911

Wanted experienced female Cook – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1911)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 24 June 1911

Town Board Elections

Candidates have been nominated for the vacant seat on the Town Board in the following order George Joseph Taylor by W Burrell, G Bengé, J T Bengé, Alfred Keys, T Burrell, J Gillies, G Johnson, J M Emery and R T Mabey. Richard Quinn by W H Edwards and W Burrell. Polling takes place next Saturday at the Town Hall between 9am and 6pm

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 24 June 1911 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 24 June 1911

Mr Richard Quinn, hotel proprietor, announces his candidature at the present election. He is a native, of Hokitika, which he left 20 years ago. He has since lived in Australia, in Palmerston, and for 9 years prior to taking over the Provincial hotel he resided in Wellington. He claims to be progressive, and if elected would no doubt conduct his Town Board business as creditably as he does his own.

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 24 June 1911 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1911

Wanted good female Cook – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1911)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 August 1911

Dr McArthur chairman of the Hutt Licensing Committee piloted a party of City residents to the rear of the Provincial Hotel on Monday to show them the cleanest and tidiest backyard in the Provincial District

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 August 1911)

Evening Post newspaper 23 August 1911

Wanted a good Porter – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 August 1911)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 January 1912 (plus other dates)

Taken by mistake from Featherston Race Train last Monday Overcoat – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 January 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1912 (plus other dates)

Wanted good Female Cook wages 30s – Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1912 (plus other dates)

Wanted to Sell, Pony Gig and Harness £26 a bargain Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 March 1912

Mr J Bennett a highly skilled professional photographer is staying at the Provincial Hotel for a fortnight. He has fitted up a dark-room and completes all work before leaving the district. He has the most modern types of lenses for single portraiture, groups, architectural work and landscapes.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 March 1912)

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 March 1912

Upper Hutt now possesses a compact and substantial town board office building in place of the old wooden shack which did duty for so long. The new offices were opened with due ceremony by the Hon R McKenzie Minister for Public Works yesterday in the presence of a number of upper valley residents. [various other details not transcribed]

Some words on Politics

Subsequently the visitors were entertained at the Provincial Hotel. Mr G Bengé who presided proposed the toast of "Parliament" coupling with the names of the Minister and Dr Newman.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 March 1912)

Dominion newspaper 05 March 1912

The ceremony being concluded those who had attended it adjourned to the Provincial Hotel where the visitors were entertained at luncheon by the Town Board.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 March 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 08 March 1912

Wanted a Porter Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 March 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 March 1912

This Luncheon.

A light repast or collation was served at the Provincial Hotel, and was attended by representatives of all sections of the community. Commissioner Bengé presided. After honouring "The King" the Chairman proposed "The Parliament of New Zealand." In responding, the Minister of Public Works said the Liberal ship had just made a stormy passage, but was safely in port again and fit for further good work in the interests of the people of New Zealand as a whole. Her officers had steered her to safety past the reefs and shoals a sea of Opposition. He alluded at length to the benefits to be derived from the hydroelectric proposals of the Government, especially in connection with the establishment of a fast and frequent car service on the local railway. Referring to the member for the district, he was of opinion that Mr Wilford's claims to ministerial rank could not be ignored by his party. Dr Newman urged that a strong opposition was conducive to good government, while an opposition often resulted in hasty or slipshod legislation. He was pleased to hear Mr McKenzie admit that a strong opposition was beneficial, and they had given the government a shaking up. He endorsed the statement of the Minister that all the members of the New Zealand Parliament went there to do their best for the people. Commissioner Harrison in proposing "The Architect" gave a sketch of Mr Mair's career, and pointed out that though a New Zealander, formerly connected with the Railway Department, he had an extensive British and American experience gained in the service of leading men of the profession of both countries. In his opinion, as a practical builder, Mr Mair was not only an Architect, he was "*The Architect*," which was the toast he asked them to honour. Mr J T Mair, ARIBA, in responding, thanked the proposer for the nice things he had said, and specially thanked the Town Board for the confidence it had shown in him by carrying out the work itself. Excluding the extras (which were not included in the specifications) the building had cost £496. Mr Cracroft Wilson (representing Mr Wilford) proposed "The Town Board," to which Commissioner Quinn, the junior member of the board replied. Commissioner Webb proposed

"Absent Friends" regretting the absence through illness of Mr Wilford and Mr G Brown. He alluded to the wonderful progress of the township since the Town District was proclaimed in March 1908, and hoped the examples of artistic taste shown by the Government and the Town Board in the public offices would not be lost sight of. Mr Cracroft Wilson responded on behalf of Mr Wilford. The Hon. R McKenzie in proposing the health of the Chairman, complimented the ratepayers upon having a young and energetic board of commissioners. The proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne." hearty, if not rendered melodiously.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 March 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 March 1912

Football – The Annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Club is to be held at the Provincial Hotel at 8 pm on Tuesday night. The report and balance sheet will be presented after which the election of officers is to take place. The matter of entering teams and appointing a delegate to the Wellington Rugby Union will also be considered.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 March 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 March 1912 (plus other dates)

Mr Bennet photographer in our advertising columns notifies he is remaining some time longer in the district and is prepared to take portraits or groups at of patrons at their own homes. Letters posted to him at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt will receive prompt attention. Enlargements of portrait views or groups executed to order.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 March 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 March 1912

Football – Annual Meeting - The annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Football Club was held on Tuesday night at the Provincial Hotel. Mr E Pelling was voted to the chair. [various other details not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 March 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1912

Wanted a Porter Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 May 1912

The following team has been selected to represent Upper Hutt in the match against Waiwetu today at Young's Lower Hutt. A brake leaves the Provincial Hotel at 1.30 sharp. [list players]

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 May 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 25 May 1912

Dr Kemp has removed from McLean Street and is staying for the present at the Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 25 May 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1912

Hutt Licensing Committee – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held at the Lower Hutt Courthouse at noon today. The police offered no objections and renewals were granted as follows – Richard Quinn Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus other hotels)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1912 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 11 June 1912 (plus other dates)

Wanted experienced Females Cook wages 35s - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 June 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 22 June 1912

Last Saturday the member of the Upper Hutt Cricket Club met at the Provincial Hotel for the purpose of making a presentation to the Hon Secretary Mr J Lambert who has been notified of his transfer to Wellington on promotion.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 22 June 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 01 August 1912

A small but representative gathering of Hutt Valley residents assembled at the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, last evening to informally bid good bye to Mr Richard Quinn, the retiring proprietor. Mr Robert Mabey presided. In responding to the toast of his health, Mr Quinn, who is also a Town Board commissioner, thanked all present for the presentation (a suitably inscribed wallet) and their good wishes for his future. He had made many valued friendships in the Hutt Valley, and intended remaining in their midst for some time yet

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 01 August 1912 page 7)

New Zealand Times newspaper 02 August 1912

Mr Richard Quinn the retiring proprietor of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt was presented on Wednesday evening last with a wallet suitable inscribed as a token of esteem from his friends.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 02 August 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 03 August 1912

Presentation - Richard Quinn

On Wednesday evening, a gathering of some forty representative citizens of Upper Hutt took place at the Provincial Hotel, to make a presentation to Host Quinn on his relinquishing the lordship of the Provincial Hotel. Mr R T Mabey presided. On behalf of the subscribers Mr N J Bennington JP presented Mr R Quinn with an inscribed wallet as an indication of goodwill of the residents of the district. In making the presentation Mr Bennington alluded to the excellent manner in which the house had been conducted under Mr Quinn's control and complimented him also upon the first-class catering arrangements of the establishment. He hoped (and those present endorsed the sentiment) that the incoming landlord would prove an equally satisfactory boniface. Mr Quinn suitably replied and introduced his successor to the gathering.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 03 August 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 03 and 10 August 1912

Telephones – 14 Provincial Hotel

(plus)

Telephone Exchange – R Quinn Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 03 and 10 August 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 31 August 1912 (plus other dates)

Upper Hutt Cricket Club – The Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held in the Provincial Hotel on Monday 02nd September at 8 pm. Intending members and those taking an interest in the club cordially invited – J Lambert Hon Sec.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 31 August 1912)

In 1912 Ernest Crabtree was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post 02 September & New Zealand Times 03 September 1912 (plus other papers))

Messrs Dwan Bros. report having sold Mr J Sullivan's interest on the lease furniture and goodwill of the Imperial Hotel Cuba street Wellington to Mrs E M Davey late of Greymouth, (plus other hotels) Mr Richard Quinn's interest in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, to Mr Ernest Crabtree, formerly of Norsewood (plus other hotels)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post 02 September & New Zealand Times 03 September 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 04 September 1912 (plus other newspapers)

Hutt Hotels - Licensing Committee Meets

The quarterly meeting of the Hutt Licensing Bench was held at the Courthouse Lower Hutt today. Dr A McArthur presided and with him were Messrs Cudby, Cotton and Welch. Transfers were granted as follow R Quinn Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, to E Crabtree. (plus other hotels not transcribed)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 04 September 1912 page 8)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 September 1912 (plus other dates)

Provincial Hotel – This Hotel contains 50 rooms and is replete with every modern convenience. First class accommodation for Tourists, Travellers etc. Trout streams within a short distance of the hotel. Livery stables and sale-yards alongside the premises.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 September 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 September 1912

Cricket Club – The annual meeting was held at the Provincial Hotel on Monday last when Mr Comeskey was voted to the chair and eight new members were elected.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 September 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 September 1912

A meeting of the Football Club will be held on Monday at the Provincial Hotel to discuss a proposal to celebrate the close of the season.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 September 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1912

Mr O R Bendall of Gower road and the Wellington Golf Club are the latest additions to the Upper Hutt Exchange. The Provincial Hotel connection is now entered to Mr E Crabtree and Mr Clout's is altered to the Hutt Meat Company

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1912)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 November 1912

The other Saturday night a wordy war took place between a Wallaceville cockatoo and a Karapoti sawmill-hand under the Provincial Hotel veranda.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 November 1912)

Evening Post newspaper 07 February 1913

Hotel Sale – Messrs Dwan Bros report having sold (various details about other hotels) Mr H C Lawson interest in the Family Hotel Lower Hutt to Mr Richard Quinn late of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus various other hotels)

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 February 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 29 March 1913 (plus other dates & reports)

Football – At a meeting of the members of the Upper Hutt Football Club held at the Provincial Hotel on Wednesday evening the secretary was directed to enter a team for the Third-class championship. A general meeting to receive the balance sheet and report and to elect officers etc. will be held at the Provincial Hotel on Friday next at eight o'clock. It is understood that the club will be strengthened by a number of players from May morn.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 29 March 1913)

In 1913 Messrs Staples and Co Ltd., were the owners of the Provincial Hotel.

Dominion newspaper 07 May & Dominion newspaper 08 May 1913

Notice of Application for a publican's License

I Ernest Crabtree of Upper Hutt Hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court at Lower Hutt on the 04th day of June 1913 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's License for a house situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing 40 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated the 26th day of April 1913 – E Crabtree

Messrs Staples and Co Ltd are the owners of the premises.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 07 May & Dominion newspaper 08 May 1913)

Dominion newspaper 05 June 1913

Hutt & Petone News - The Hutt Hotels

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held yesterday. Renewals were granted as under – (various hotel listed) Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt E Crabtree

(Reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 05 June 1913 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1913

Wanted an experienced Waitress – Apply Crabtree Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 05 July 1913 (plus other dates)
Upper Hutt Bowling Club Annual Meeting 16 July at 8 pm at the Provincial Hotel
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 05 July 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 05 July 1913 (plus other dates)
Annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Bowling Club, on Wednesday week at the Provincial Hotel at 8 pm. "Mine Host", who is a member of the club having placed the commercial room at the club's disposal.
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 05 July 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 August 1913
Cuneen Relief Fund
To give the wife of five children of Mr John Cuneen a clear start and twelve months rent he being detained at the Otaki Sanatorium for treatment and therefore is unable to maintain them [various details about the collection not transcribed]
The total amount available is £64 15s 3d of which £17 9s 0d was the surplus from the concert and £18 7s 6d collected by E Crabtree of the Provincial Hotel who personally paid in sums entered on his list but not yet paid to him.
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 August 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 August 1913
Bowling Club Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting was held at the Provincial Hotel on 30 July Dr Kemp presiding. The report stated 1½ acres of land admirably suitable for the club's needs had been obtained on most favourable terms for £315. Half of the No 1 green had been laid down and would be fit for playing on this season.
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 August 1913)

Evening Post newspaper 12 August 1913 (plus other dates)
Wanted experiences Housemaid and Waitress two sisters preferred
Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 August 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 August 1913
That when a man talks of "Old Provincial Days" he probable means the old Provincial Hotel now so ably administered by Host Crabtree.
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 August 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 30 August 1913
Football - A meeting will be held at the Provincial Hotel on Monday night to appoint a committee to carry out the annual social.
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 30 August 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 September 1913
District News
Special meeting of the Bowling Club at Provincial Hotel 8 pm Thursday next
Annual meeting of the Cricket Club at Provincial Hotel at 8 pm Monday next
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 September 1913)

Evening Post newspaper 03 October 1913 (plus other dates)
Wanted an experienced Woman Cook – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 October 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 November 1913
Special Meeting – Fire
Men between the ages of 18 and 30 willing to join a Volunteer Fire Brigade for Upper Hutt are invited to meet the undersigned at 8 pm next Wednesday at the Provincial Hotel to consider proposals for the formation of such a Brigade.
Angus McCurdy Convener (Hon Sec. to former Fire Brigade Committee)
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 November 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 November 1913

Town Board Topics - The Nuisance Inspector reported that the septic tank at the Provincial Hotel was now working satisfactorily.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 November 1913)

Dominion newspaper 12 November 1913 (plus other dates)

U.S.S. Co.'s Laundry Hand – Annual Picnic

Employee of the USS Company's laundry and their friends journeyed to Maidstone Park on Saturday 08 November. The weather was fine and a most enjoyable day was spent. Keen competition ensured for the prizes which were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs Rhodes. Dinner was served at the Provincial Hotel after which unanimous vote of thanks to the company for their donation was carried with cheers the name of the laundry manager being also associated with the vote.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 12 November 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 December 1913

Harry Edwards motor will leave the Provincial Hotel for Kaitoke Sports at 10 am on Saturday week

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 December 1913)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 December 1913

Accidents - While out motoring last Sunday, Mrs Brighthouse (mother, of Mrs Crabtree of the Provincial Hotel) dropped a handkerchief, and stepping from the car before it was brought to a standstill, fell and broke a thighbone. At date she is reported to be doing as well as can be expected

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 December 1913 page 2)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 February 1914

Staples & Co. wrote saying they would install a drinking trough at the Provincial Hotel. Resolved to suggest that the company should agree to the board erecting a concrete trough for horses and dogs at a cost to the company not exceeding £5

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 February 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 February 1914

Bowling Club management committee meets on Wednesday at 8 pm at the Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 February 1914)

Dominion newspaper 18 February 1914

In connection with the official opening of the waterworks by the Hon A L Herdman next Wednesday week it was decided to invite the Mayors and Chairmen of all local bodies in the Hutt and Makara Counties to be present and also the members for the Hutt and Otaki electorates (within which districts the waterworks are located). Afternoon tea had been arranged to be served at the Provincial Hotel after the ceremony.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 18 February 1914)

There were various other newspaper articles. The final arrangements differed from the above newspaper article including the Provincial Hotel providing a luncheon instead of afternoon tea.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 February 1914

Motor Cyclists and other interested are cordially invited to attend a meeting on Thursday 26 February at 7.30 in the Commercial Room Provincial Hotel for the purpose of forming an Upper Hutt Motor Cycling Club. R Scholes – P J Petterson – Conveners

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 February 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 February 1914

Motor Cyclists Club

ON Thursday night a meeting was held at the Provincial Hotel to discuss proposals for the establishment of a Motor Cyclists Club. There was a good attendance and the proposals were

enthusiastically endorsed Officers were appointed as follows – Captain J Boyle, Deputy Captain P J Patterson Hon Secretary Ralph Scholes.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 February 1914)

New Zealand Times newspaper 02 March 1914

New Waterworks for Upper Hutt – Progress and Needs of the District

Most visitors of the visitors arrived by the 1.30 train and the Boy's Brigade Band under the charge of the Rev Mr Smith headed a procession to the Provincial Hotel where luncheon was provided. [full details not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 02 March 1914)

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1914 (various other newspapers and dates)

At the conclusion of the opening ceremony the visitors were entertained by Mr J Charlesworth at his picturesque residence afterwards returning to the Provincial Hotel where a largely attended dinner was held. [full details not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1914)

Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1914

Wanted an experienced women cook – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1914)

Evening Post newspaper 06 March 1914 (plus other details)

Wanted first class Women Cook – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 March 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 March 1914

Upper Hutt Football Club Annual Meeting

Thursday next at Provincial Hotel at 8 pm – G C Smith Hon. Sec.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 March 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 March 1914

Bowling Club monthly committee meeting next Thursday at 8 pm at the Provincial Hotel first Thursday in the month.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 March 1914)

Provincial Hotel and remains of the Benge & Pratt Store



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Fire Benge & Pratt store remains P2-420-824)

The Benge & Pratt store caught fire on the night of March 1914 and just after midnight an explosion took place which not only destroyed the building but also took the lives of seven souls. One of the deaths was Michael Toohey who was standing on the upstairs balcony of the Hotel. The Provincial Hotel was damaged as it was situated right next to the Benge & Pratt store.

There are numerous newspaper articles covering the Benge and Pratt explosion, the loss of lives and the damage inflicted on the Provincial Hotel. I have only transcribed some details.

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 30 March 1914

Mr Toohey was standing on the balcony at the corner of the Provincial Hotel next to the fire. The force of the explosion blew him back on the veranda and he was badly injured dying after admission to the hospital. Mr Crabtree licensee of the hotel who was standing beside Toohey was thrown to the ground but escaped unhurt. The Provincial Hotel on the other side of Benge and Pratt's had all windows broken and holes knocked in the wall by the flying debris. [numerous other details not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 30 March 1914)

Dominion newspaper 30 March 1914

A Wrecked Hotel – Wall buckled and Twisted

Of the building not actually burned out that which suffered most severely was the Provincial Hotel a wooden building occupied by Mr E Crabtree. It stands immediately south of Messrs Benge and Pratt's site and was separated from the establishment of that firm only by a small wooden building occupied by Mr H Edward (carrier) as an office. The hotel seems to have felt the full force of the explosion. Inside it is wrecked in many rooms and hardly any have escaped damage of some kind. The whole building was racked by the explosion and seems to be centred to the south.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 30 March 1914)

Dominion newspaper 30 March 1914

Raising the Alarm - The person who first noticed the fire in Messrs Benge and Pratt's was Mrs Crabtree, the wife of the licensee of the Provincial Hotel. She informed a reporter that at 11,35 pm she noticed a slight glare at Benge and Pratt's, and soon afterwards became aware that the place was on fire, and gave the alarm. She is certain that the fire broke out in the front portion of Benge and Pratt's building. Mrs Crabtree and her husband aroused the members of their household, and Mr Crabtree carried the alarm to Constable Mahoney.

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A wrecked Hotel - Wall buckled and twisted - Of the buildings not actually burned out, that which suffered most severely was the Provincial Hotel, a wooden building occupied by Mr E Crabtree. It stands immediately south of Messrs Benge and Pratt's site and was separated from the establishment of that firm only by a small wooden building occupied by Mr H Edwards (carrier) as an office. The hotel seems to have felt the full force of the explosion. Inside it is wrecked in many rooms and hardly any have escaped damage of some kind. The whole building was racked by the explosion and seems to be canted to the south. The north wall is buckled and twisted and the weather boards, apart from the effects of fire, have been smashed in a number of places where flying fragments struck them. At a spot about twelve feet up from the ground a brick has been driven through the boarding as though shot out of a gun. Nearly every window in the house has shattered even on the face looking away from the explosion. A porch on the north side, facing the explosion, was riven to pieces, a door being blown bodily off its hinges. A heavy piano, standing against the wall in an upstairs room, was lifted a couple of feet inwards. The rooms of the hotel look much as they would if they had been looted by a marauding army. The bar is a ruin broken glass. Some bottles survived the ordeal but a great proportion were smashed. Other rooms upstairs and down fared little better. Everywhere windows were blown in and pictures on the walls and various articles on shelves were thrown down and broken, adding to the general desolation. In one room there is an array of broken gramophone records. Roughly speaking nearly everything of a breakable character was broken and everywhere throughout the building there is evidence of the terrific force of the explosion.

(Reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 30 March 1914 page 6)

Dominion newspaper 30 March 1914

Upon the Provincial Hotel buildings which is owned by Messrs Staples and Co., there is a policy of £2700 in the Atlas Office and the out buildings are insured in the same office for £350. The stick furniture etc., owned by the licensee are insured in the London, Liverpool and Globe Office for £1000 and Mr Crabtree also has a policy for £50 upon personal effects. Mr Crabtree is unable as yet to estimate the amount of the damage but in the case of both of the building and its contents the damage is considerable.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 30 March 1914)

Evening Post newspaper 06 April 1914

Benefit Fund – Upper Hutt Disaster – Progress of Campaign

The Central Mission Band to the number of 33 journeyed to Upper Hutt on Sunday and were welcomed on arrival by Commissioner Bennington and Mr Crabtree of the Provincial Hotel. After luncheon (provided by Mr Crabtree) the band paraded the township and played several selections near the Post Office. Meanwhile collection boxes were passed round and donations were made to the relief fund. An adjournment was then made to Maidstone Park (kindly lent free of charge by the proprietor Mr P D Davis) where more musical selections were rendered and more money obtained for the fund.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 April 1914)

In 1914 Mary Ellen Young was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Dominion newspaper 07 May 1914 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I Mary Ellen Young of Upper Hutt, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Court at Lower Hutt, on the Third day of June 1914; apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a (renewal of a) Publican's License for a house situated at Upper Hutt, and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel, containing 27 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated the 01st day of May 1914 - M E Young

J Staples and Company Ltd. is the owner of these premises - address of Owner Wellington.

(Reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 07 May 1914 page 1)

Dominion newspaper 07 May 1914 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I Ernest Crabtree of the Upper Hutt, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Main Road, Upper Hutt, and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Magistrate's Court, Lower Hutt, on the Third day of June 1914, apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Mary Ellen Young, my appointee.

Dated 22nd day of April, 1914 - (Signed) E Crabtree.

(Reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 07 May 1914 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 May 1914

Secretary Howe (Fire Brigade) reported on an outbreak of fire which occurred at the Provincial Hotel last Saturday evening to the effect that the outbreak was due to a defective chimney the fireplace being of 4½ in. brickwork and burnt through in places. Referred to the Building Committee with power to employ an expert to report on the subject. The insurance companies' inspector examined all the chimneys of the hotel on Tuesday and informed us that they would all require to be rebuilt

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 May 1914 page 3)

Evening post newspaper 05 June 1914

Hutt Hotels – Licensing Committee Meets – Renewals of Licenses

All Applications Granted - The following applications all which were granted were dealt with – Licenses Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (M E Young) [plus others details not transcribed]

Transfers - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (E Crabtree to M E Young) [plus other details]

(Reference Papers Past website Evening post newspaper 05 June 1914 page 8)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 06 June 1914

H Shaw wrote asking what has been done relative to water-troughs at Provincial Hotel and sample of kerbing he had undertaken to make.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 06 June 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 July 1914

H Shaw is putting in a concrete gas house at the Provincial Hotel and a concrete watering trough for Staples & Co.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 July 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 25 July 1914

Gold & Silver – All persons interested on forming a Prospecting Syndicate are asked to call on A E Hall at the Provincial Hotel tonight at 8 o'clock Mr Hall who has had over 20 years' experience in mineral stone in the Upper Hutt ranges that gave a good assay of Gold and Silver.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 25 July 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 25 July 1914 (plus other dates)

Annual Meeting of Bowling Club at Provincial Hotel at 8 pm next Thursday.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 25 July 1914)

In 1914 World War One began and many local men enlisted in the 1st New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 August 1914

Kemp asked by whose orders the trough at the Provincial Hotel was placed opposite the bar entrance and on the footpath. The clerk stated that Staples' [owners of hotel] representative personally selected the site and the board had decided by resolution to place it on recollected that the board was unanimous in the matter which statement other members endorsed.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 August 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 September 1914

George Mansill has just completed the installation of a new acetylene gas plant at the Provincial Hotel.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 September 1914)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 03 October 1914

Friends of Len McGhie – Are invited to attend a meeting to be held at 8 pm tonight at the Provincial Hotel to consider proposals for rendering assistance to Len McGhie who is in hospital as the result of a serious accident.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 03 October 1914)

New Zealand Times newspaper 07 April 1915 (plus other dates and newspapers)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt now under the management of M E Young last of Family Hotel Lower Hutt offers first class accommodation.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 April 1915)

Evening post newspaper 02 June 1915

Hutt Valley Hotels – Annual Meeting Licensing Bench

The following licenses were granted – renewals - Provincial Hotel (Upper Hutt) Mary Ellen Young [plus other hotels]

(Reference Papers Past website Evening post newspaper 02 June 1915 page 8)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 June 1915 (plus other dates and years)

Telephone Exchange - Directory – 14 Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 June 1915)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 November 1915

A goodly crowd of cricket and football votaries gathered last Wednesday at Young's Provincial Hotel to do honour to Walter J Butler a district representative in both games who is leaving for the front today.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 November 1915)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 February 1916

I admit that Mr J Brown of Wellington suggested that a horse trough be placed near the Upper Hutt post office. But he did not contribute towards its costs nor did the Town Board. Staples's Brewery selected the trough site at the Provincial Hotel and defrayed the total cost (£5) while McGovern's Estate Trustees paid for the horse trough at the Trentham Hotel.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 February 1916)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 March 1916

Fire - An open window, a flimsy curtain and a naked light in an hotel bedroom, only needs a gust of wind to start a house warming the gust came about eleven o'clock on Saturday night, and the resulting flame flared out of an upstairs room of the Provincial Hotel, curled upward over the parapet and gave straggling wayfarers the impression that the building and the fire brigade were in for a hot time. Sapper Dodger Martin (on leave) an ex-Upper Hutt Fire Brigade man sprinted for the Fire station at a pace which, if persisted in, would have landed him in Potsdammer Strasse inside of 10 hours [Allowing for the difference in time, he would reach Berlin half-an hour (German time) before he left Upper Hutt - Ed.]. The hose-reel and firemen were quickly on the spot and the fire extinguished without using the hose. Beyond the destruction, of a blind and curtains and burning a hole in ceiling paper of the room, little damage was done. As a stiff breeze was blowing at the time, the building had a third lucky escape in recent years. Previous ones were the night of Bengé & Pratt's fire, and the outbreak caused by a defective chimney in the bar-room.

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 04 March 1916 page 2)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 29 April 1916

Black and White Dog missing from A Burrell's Wallaceville. An answer to name "Mac". Reward on returning to porter at Provincial Hotel. Anyone detaining the dog is liable to prosecution.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 29 April 1916)

Evening post newspaper 06 June 1917

Lower Hutt Licensing Committee – Licenses were renewed for Provincial Hotel (M A Young and for whom Mr A R Blair appeared)

(Reference Papers Past website Evening post newspaper 06 June 1917 page 8)

Evening post newspaper 07 June 1916 (plus other dates)

Hutt Hotels –Licensing Committee Meets

A sitting of the Hutt Licensing Bench was held today at Lower Hutt. The following licenses were granted - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (Mary E Young) [plus other hotels]

(Reference Papers Past website Evening post newspaper 07 June 1916 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 16 June 1916

Wanted to Sell Billiard Table full size Alcocks first class order. Particulars apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Tel No 14 Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 June 1916)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 February 1917

Dark Brown Horse with lash tail – Missing since last Monday – Reward at Provincial Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 February 1917)

Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1917

Shouting at Upper Hutt – Conviction under War Regulations

At Upper Hutt yesterday, before Messrs L G Reid SM, and R G N Wright JP, William Boyd and Thos. Pitt were proceeded against under the War Regulations for exchanging money for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic liquor. Constable McHolm prosecuted, and Mr J J McGrath appeared for accused. Constable McHolm said he was on duty on 23rd January and saw Boyd

and Pitt exchange money outside the Provincial Hotel at Upper Hutt, and immediately afterwards both accused went into the bar and were being served with drinks when he accosted. Boyd and asked him why he had given Pitt money, Boyd replied, I don't remember anything about it, and Pitt interjected that it was a repayment of 1s lent at Trentham Camp. Evidence as to the ordering of the liquor, was given by the barman of the hotel. The defence was that the payment of the 1s was the repayment of a loan made in the neighbourhood of Trentham Camp. The Magistrate stated that faking the whole circumstances of the case into consideration, he was not satisfied that this was a bona fide loan, transaction. If excuses of this nature were allowed they would always be used. Boyd would be fined 40s with 7s costs, and Pitt 10s with 7s costs.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1917)

Evening Post newspaper 16 February 1917

Lost – Strayed from Upper Hutt Dark Bay Horse scarred on both hind legs – Reward – Apply Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Telephone 14 Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 February 1917)

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1917

Lower Hutt Licensing Committee

The Lower Hutt Licensing Committee held its meeting today at Lower Hutt Court. The police report showed that with one exception the hotels had been well conducted. Licenses were renewed for the Provincial Hotel (Mrs M A Young and for whom Mr A R Blair appeared) [various other hotels]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1917)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 30 June 1917

The Works Committee reported recommending asphalt paving be put down opposite the Provincial Hotel and T F Boyd properties applicants to pay half the costs.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 30 June 1917)

During World War One the Hotel proprietor Mary Ellen Young's son Private John (Jack) Young 41925 enlisted (1916) in 1NZE. He was discharged after the War in 1919.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 November 1917

Our Boys – Imperishably Honoured

Jack Young, Provincial Hotel is reported seriously wounded

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 November 1917 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 17 April 1918

Lost Tuesday Gold Bangle inscribed inside Xmas 1915 Finder reward on returning same to Mrs Young Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 April 1918)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 20 & 27 April & 04 May 1918

A reward is at Mrs Young's Provincial Hotel awaiting the finder of a gold bangle inscribed inside Xmas 1915 Lost last Tuesday

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 20 & 27 April & 04 May 1918)

Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1919

Hutt Hotels – Meeting of Licensing Committee – Renewals were granted as follows – Mary E Young Provincial Hotel plus others

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1919 page 8)

Dominion newspaper 06 June 1918

Hutt Hotels – Report of the Police – Conduct Satisfactory

The Hutt Licensing Committee met yesterday – In the following cases Licenses were granted or renewed - Provincial Hotel M E Young [plus other hotels]

(Reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 06 June 1918 page 7)

Evening Post newspaper 06 September 1918 (also other dates)

Lost from Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on 05th September small Dark Yorkshire Silky Pup Finder rewarded.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 September 1918)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 & 14 September 1918

Miss Young advertises that "Roger" the Yorkshire terrier is missing from the Provincial Hotel this week. Reward to person who brings him back.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 & 14 September 1918)

Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1919 (plus other newspapers)

Hutt Hotels – Meeting of Licensing Committee

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held today. Renewals were granted as follows – Mary E Young Provincial Hotel [plus other hotels not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1919)

Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1919

Wanted reliable Waitress good Waitress for Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Apply Cunningham's Elite Registry Phone 1572

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1919)

In 1919 Thomas Quinn was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel

New Zealand Times newspaper 31 July 1919

A presentation was recently made by the directors and staff of the Phoenix Aerated Waters Company to Mr Thomas Quinn on the occasion of his marriage and of his leaving the firm in order to enter into business on his own account. The presentation took the form of a handsome tea and coffee service. Mr Quinn who has been twelve year in the company's employ has taken over the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 31 July 1919)

Thomas QUINN married 1919 New Zealand Agnes LYNAM

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1919 folio website 1919/5354)

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 August 1919 (plus other dates)

Public Notice – Having taken over from Mrs Young the Proprietary Interests of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt I would extend to the travelling public as to all local patrons a hearty invitation to make this old established hostelry their headquarters when in our township.

"Tom" Quinn Proprietor

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 August 1919)

New Zealand Times newspaper 17 September 1919

A large and representative gathering of members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association (and travellers connected therewith) took place at the Beehive Chambers, Courtenay place, on Friday night last, the occasion being a complimentary social to Mr Tom Quinn, of Upper Hutt, just recently retired from "the road" to assume proprietary interests in the Provincial Hotel at Upper Hutt. At the function, Mr Mat Muir presided. Mr E T Taylor presented Mr Quinn with a gold sovereign case and purse of sovereigns. Eulogistic reference was made to Mr Quinn's prowess on the football field in times past, and his popularity "on the road." Speeches were made by Messrs George Saunders, J Beveridge, and F McParland. Character sketches by Mr Jim McParland, of the Hotel Cecil, and Mr Paddy Hilton contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening. Messrs Norman Aitken, Fogerty, Williams, Oswin and Reade also contributed to the programme.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 17 September 1919)

Free Lance newspaper 17 September 1919

Mr Thomas Quinn, long and favourably known as city traveller for a local, soft drinks firm, was the recipient last Friday of a handsome gold sovereign case, filled with beautiful goodies, which at present are as rare as butterflies in mid-winter. The presentation came from the members of the Wellington Commercial Travellers Club and Licensed Victuallers Association, the occasion

being that Tom had taken unto himself a wife, and left the beaten track of commercialism to become mine host of a certain suburban hotel.

(Reference Papers Past website Free Lance newspaper 17 September 1919 page 4)

Dominion newspaper 13 November 1919

I was not feeling too well. I thought I had an attack of malaria coming on. Magistrate - And you thought three bottles of beer would do you good? Yes! This was the reply of a young man named Patrick Michael McGrath when asked by Mr. E- Page SM, at the Upper Hutt Magistrate's Court yesterday to explain why he was found on the premises of the Provincial Hotel at ten minutes past nine one evening. The prosecuting constable said he found defendant going into the hotel, and after asking his reason, warned him that if he persisted he would be liable to be charged. In spite of this McGrath went in and asked for three bottles of beer, which were refused. The full penalty was pressed for, and he was fined £2 with costs 7s.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 13 November 1919)

Evening Post newspaper 24 November 1919

Funeral Notice – The Friends of the late Edward Morrison are invited to attend his Funeral which will leave the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Tuesday 25th November 1919 at 2.30 pm for the Akatarawa Cemetery – C Robertson Undertaker Upper Hutt

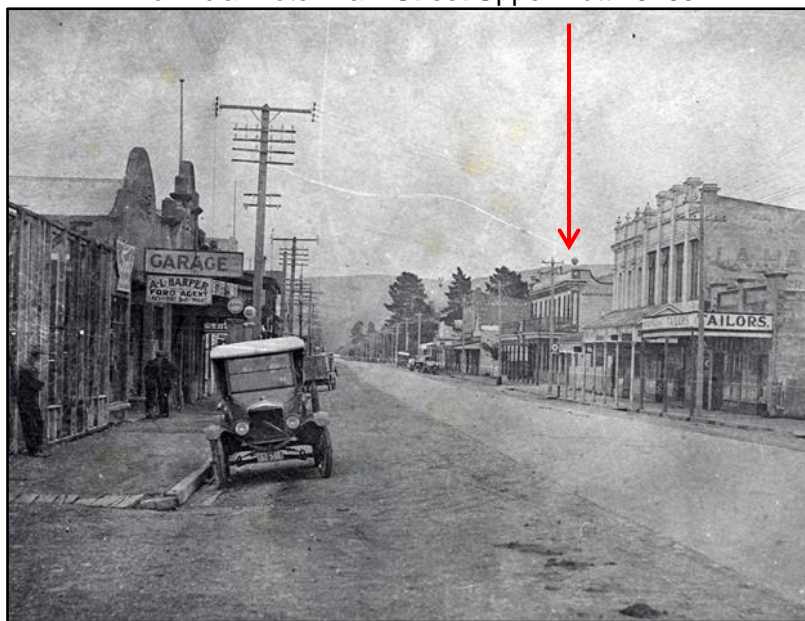
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 November 1919)

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 09 December 1919 (plus other dates)

Wanted Mixed Farm 30 to 40 acres on lease - Please reply to J Wilson Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt - No agents.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 09 December 1919)

Provincial Hotel Main Street Upper Hutt 1920s



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street looking west 1920s P5-213-1115)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 May 1920 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I Thomas Quinn of Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrate's Court at Lower Hutt on the 02nd day of June 1920 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's License for a house situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing 17 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated at Upper Hutt the 05th day of May 1920 Thomas Quinn

Messrs Staples and Company are the owners of the premises (address of owner) Wellington

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 May 1920)

Otaki Mail newspaper 05 June 1920

Otaki Licensing Bench – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Otaki Licensing Bench was held at the Courthouse Otaki yesterday at 12 noon when there were present Messrs J L Stout SM (in the chair), Ben Ling, H Freeman, Jas McLeavey, T H Windley and Wm. Tomsitt. The police reports were on the whole satisfactory and little objection was raised to any of the applications received – Thomas Quinn Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus other hotels not transcribed)

(Reference Papers past website Otaki Mail newspaper 05 June 1920)

Dominion newspaper 09 June 1920 (plus other dates)

Sale of First Class Building Material of all Descriptions [various details not transcribed] on the ground Main Road Upper Hutt (next door to Provincial Hotel)

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 09 June 1920)

New Zealand Times newspaper 09 June 1920

Licensing Committee – Horowhenua Hotels

The annual meeting of the Otaki Licensing Bench was held at the Courthouse Otaki on Friday. The following applications for publican's licenses were all granted Thomas Quinn Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt [plus various other hotels not transcribed]

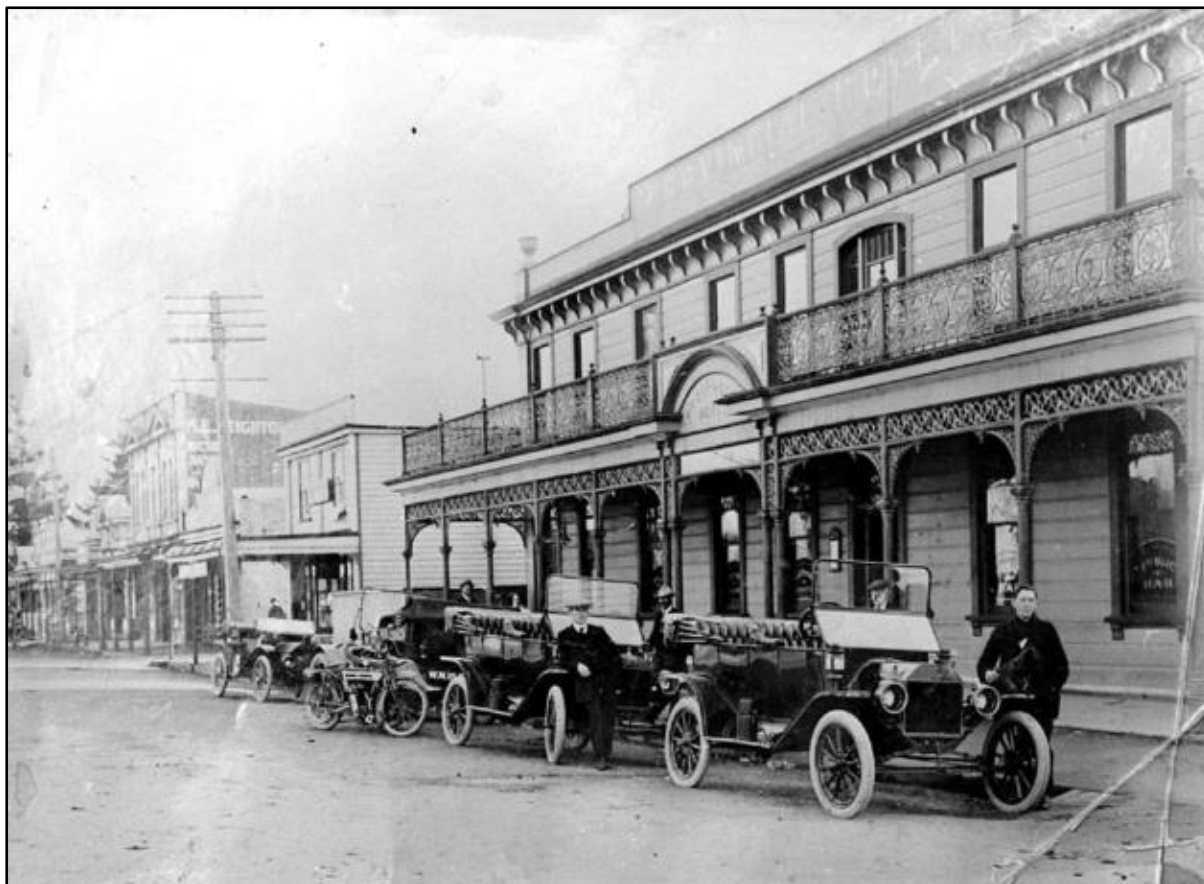
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 09 June 1920)

Evening Post newspaper 11 June 1920

Messrs E Johnston and Co. advertise a sale of iron at 1 o'clock tomorrow on the ground Main Road Upper Hutt next to Provincial Hotel and on Monday they will sell furniture at 5 Boulcott Terrace.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 June 1920)

Provincial Hotel



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Provincial Hotel 1916? P1-6649-8839)

Evening Post newspaper 17 February 1921

Births – Quinn - On the 16th February 1921 at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr and Mrs T Quinn a son both well

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 17 February 1921 page 1)

09 July 1921

Thomas Quinn of Upper Hutt being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Provincial Hotel situated in Upper Hutt of a conditional license for the Members ledger & Grand Stand booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of two days the 13th, & 16th July 1921. [various other details]

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)

16 January 1922

Thomas Quinn of Upper Hutt being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Provincial Hotel situated in Upper Hutt of a conditional license for the Members Grand Stand and Leger booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of three days the 21st, 23rd & 25th January 1922. [various other details]

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)

Evening Post newspaper 22 June 1922

Licensing Law - Alleged Breaches at Upper Hutt

As the result of a visit paid by the police to the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, on 27th May, seventeen charges were heard by Mr F K Hunt SM, at the local Court yesterday. William Pritchard, Manson Mc Nab, Michael Black, William John Paul, Henry Benge, Job Henry Mabey, Arthur V Geange, William Edwards, William Robertson, Percival Whiteman, William Hawker, Anthony Basil Hansley and Frank Henry were each charged with being found on the licensed premises of the Provincial Hotel at a time when such premises are directed to be closed.

Thomas Quinn, the licensee of the hotel, was charged with (1) Opening the premises for the sale of liquor at a time when such premises are directed to be closed (2) selling liquor (two information's) and (3) exposing liquor for sale.

Senior Sergeant Bird conducted the case for the prosecution, and said that on Saturday 27th May, in company with Constables Holmes, Scarry, and Anderson, he arrived at the hotel at 9.5 pm and found the main door open, and on entering the premises found three men in the sitting room, one being a boarder. The licensee came out of the bar and locked it. The sergeant stated his desire to enter the bar, and on entering found the rear portion full of men, some of whom were drinking, others had half-empty glasses before them, and others empty glasses. The counter was strewn with glasses, and bottles of liquor were also standing upon it. The bar was full of tobacco-smoke, and was lit up by means of a hurricane lamp. Neither the licensee nor any of the men made any excuse for being there. He took the names and addresses of those present, and then ordered them out of the bar, one of the men remarking: Well, sergeant, there is no harm in us having another drink now we are here.

Evidence in support of the prosecution was given by each member of the police party.

For the defence Mr H F O'Leary, who appeared for all the defendants, said that the facts outlined by the police would not be greatly disputed, the difference being in the inference to be drawn from the facts. The defence in regard to Hansley and Henry, who were, found in the sitting-room, was that they were there quite unknown to the licensee, and as guests of one Tinker, a boarder at the hotel. In regard to the others found on the premises, and Quinn, the licensee, the defence was that the whole party had gradually congregated outside the hotel, where they had been discussing a unique series of three football victories won by the Upper Hutt Club that day, several of the party being closely identified with the football club. The culmination of the discussion was a request to Quinn, the licensee, who was president of the club, to turn it on, which, after a while, he consented to do. The contention was therefore that the party was in the bar as guests and at the invitation of the licensee a quite legal position. The defence denied the police statement that some of the party had glasses in their hands, that a whisky bottle was on the counter, or that two glasses contained freshly-drawn stout. The explanation of the empty glasses was that they had remained unwashed from Saturday afternoon, and that the two

glasses contained stale stout, also from the afternoon. It was denied that a man had used the words another drink, and it was affirmed that the words used were, Can't we have a drink now we are here.

Thomas Quinn, licensee of the hotel, and several of the men charged with being found on the premises, corroborated the statements submitted in the defence.

The Magistrate said that to give judgment without having first very carefully read over all the evidence would not be fair to either party. He, therefore, reserved his judgment, which will be given in Wellington.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 22 June 1922 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 30 June 1922

Decision was given by Mr F K Hunt SM at the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon in the case in which Thomas Quinn licensee of the Provincial Hotel Lower Hutt was charged with exposing liquor for sale with keeping premises open for the sale of liquor and with selling liquor to two men. The cases arose from a police visit paid to the defendant's hotel at 9.5 pm on 07th May. It was stated during the evidence that twelve men had been found in the bar. The Magistrate's said that he did not believe the defence which was full of contradictions of facts sworn to by the constables. Quinn was fined £10 and costs on each of the first two charges and was convicted and ordered to pay costs on the remaining two. William Pritchard, Manson McNab, Michael Black, William John Paul, William Edwards, William Robertson and William Hawker were each fined 40s and costs for being found on the premises and Henry Bengé, Job Henry Mabey, Arthur V Geange and Percival Whiteman for a similar offence were fined 20s and costs.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 June 1922)

In 1925 Lewis Marton Naylor was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1925

Will person seen taking Gladstone Bag from Motorcar Sunday return Mr Naylor Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and save further trouble

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1925 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 22 January 1926

Upper Hutt Court

The monthly sitting of the Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt was held on Wednesday before Mr C R Orr Walker SM.

Harry Cameron, Leonard R Keys and William J Paul for being found on licensed premises (Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt) during closed hours were each fined £2 and costs 7s.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 January 1926)

Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1926

Liquor for a Friend - May a Boarder at a Hotel buys it - May boarder buy liquor for a friend: during the hours when licensed premises are closed. If it can be proved that such friend has not come upon the premises for the express purpose of obtaining liquor a boarder may purchase and supply a friend, but not otherwise in a case heard before Mr C R Orr Walker, SM, at Upper Hutt yesterday. Myra Naylor, who was defended by Mr H F O'Leary, failed to satisfy the Magistrate that a boarder named Scott, who had purchased liquor for a man named Keys on a recent Sunday morning, had a legal right so to do, and as Mrs Naylor, wife of the licensee, was charged with aiding and abetting in the commission of an offence, she was fined £2 and 16s costs. The peculiarity of this offence is that Mrs Naylor could not be convicted of selling to Scott, who as a boarder has a right to be supplied with liquor, yet by aiding and abetting Scott in supplying a friend she was guilty. Charges of selling after hours against Mrs Naylor and opening after hours and exposing liquor for sale against the licensee, L M Naylor, were all dismissed, it being held that the exposing of liquor for sale to a boarder was not exposing for, sale to other persons though others might be present.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1926 page 7)

In 1926 Henry Marshall was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1926 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for Transfer of License

I Lewis Master Naylor, of Upper Hutt, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the premises situate at Upper Hutt, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting, to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Otaki, on the 4th day of June 1926, apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Henry Marshall, my appointee.

Dated at Upper Hutt the 7th day of May 1926 - L M Naylor Applicant.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1926 page 16)

Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1926 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's Notice

I Henry Marshall, of the Upper Hutt, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting, to be held at the Magistrate's Court at Otaki on the 4th day of June 1926, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a (renewal of) Publican's License for a house situate at the Upper Hutt in Wellington, and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel, containing rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated at Wellington, the 8th day of May 1926 - H Marshall

J Staples and Co. Ltd. are the owners of the premises address of owners Wellington

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1926 page 16)

Otaki Mail newspaper 19 May 1926

A daring robbery took place at Upper Hutt early on Sunday morning when a masked man coolly ascended the fire escape at the Provincial Hotel and went quietly but speedily through the pockets of the sleeping boarders in three rooms. When disturbed he had collected a watch and over £11 in cash but made good his escape coolly driving off in a motor car.

(Reference Papers past website Otaki Mail newspaper 19 May 1926)

Otaki Mail newspaper 04 June 1926

Otaki Licensing Bench – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Licensing Bench was held at noon today. [various renewals] And a permanent transfer to L Naylor (Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt granted to H Marshall.

(Reference Papers past website Otaki Mail newspaper 19 May 1926)

Evening Post newspaper 13 October 1927

Upper Hutt Court

Henry Marshall licensee of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, appeared to answer six charges of aiding and abetting persons in being unlawfully on licensed premises after hours. The charges arose out of a police raid on the hotel on 4th June, as a result of which six men were convicted. Mr A J Mazengarb who appeared for the defendant claimed that as the prosecution had not been entered within three months of offence the charges could not stand. Mr Salmon upheld the contention and the information was dismissed.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 13 October 1927 page 9)

Evening Post newspaper 30 January 1928

Appeared Quite Sober

Dr F W Kemp of Upper Hutt and Captain H H Whyte of Trentham Camp said that they saw Goodman a few minutes after the accident. He appeared to be sober. Harold James Gardiner a labourer of Trentham gave evidence that he passed the two motor-cars shortly before the accident. Both were on the left side of the road and were traveling at a reasonable speed. Darcy Auckram a saddler said that he saw two motor cycles passes through Upper Hutt a few minted before the accident at a speed he regarded as excessive. One of the motor cycles was carrying two men and was on the wrong side of the road. He recognised Whiteman a previous witness as the rider of the other machine. Evidence that Parata Aldridge and Whiteman were served with drink in the bar of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt before the accident was given by a barman James Phillips. He has first this fact to Goodman about three or four weeks ago. (Proceeding)

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 January 1928)

Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1928

Cars Collide - Mishap in Taita Gorge

An accident involving three motorcars occurred at: about 3 o'clock yesterday, afternoon in the Taita Gorge. A service car proceeding towards Wellington, and carrying eight passengers collided with a touring car, driven in the opposite direction by Mr W T Douglas of Lands' End Masterton. After the impact the touring car swerved across the road and was struck by a light closed car, driven by Mrs H Marshall, of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, which was coming in the same direction. Mrs Marshall's car; then crashed into a telegraph post, and stopped within three feet of a 20 feet drop into the Hutt River. The front of the cars were damaged, the radiator of the light car being badly buckled, while the road was littered with glass from the broken wind-screens. The crank-case of the touring-car was broken and the front seat of the service car was knocked out of position. Several of the passengers suffered from cuts, and were attended to by Dr Dudley, of Lower Hutt, but no one was seriously injured. The driver of the service car was William Ross of 20 Church Street Masterton.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1928 page 11)

Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1928

Speeding Alleged – Motor Car Collision – Upper Hutt Accident – Trial of A Goodman

Aldridges' Account – Percy John Aldridge formerly a labourer at Upper Hutt who drove the motor cycle which collided with the car said he purchased one bottle of beer at the Provincial Hotel that day. He denied a report that he and Parata and Whiteman had had drinks at eh hotel.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1928)

Evening Post newspaper 21 May 1928

The members of the Hutt Valley Club [harriers] held their run from the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. The trail set out by F Sanders and E Lewis led down to the riverbed to follow the river down towards Trentham.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 May 1928)

Otaki Mail newspaper 08 June 1928

Otaki Licensing Bench – Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Otaki Licensing Bench was held yesterday. [Various details not transcribed]. Applications for renewal of licenses were received from Henry Marshall (Provincial Hotel) All were granted. Relative to the Provincial Hotel the bench considered that the licensee should be advised that he must be more careful about the conduct of the hotel if he desired a license in the future.

(Reference Papers past website Otaki Mail newspaper 08 June 1928)

Evening Post newspaper 14 November 1928

Sailors Death – Struck by Motor Lorry – Early Morning Fatality

The circumstances in which Cyril William Nesbitt, aged 22, a stoker on H.M.S. Dunedin, met his death on the main road near Trentham on 30th October, were revealed at an inquest held before the Coroner (Mr E Page, SM) yesterday afternoon. Dr W Kemp, of Upper Hutt, said that the deceased was brought to his surgery at 1 am on 30th October. He was then dead as the result of head injuries. The base of his skull was fractured, and death must have been instantaneous. It was impossible to say whether he had had liquor. His companion, another naval rating, had apparently been drinking, but he was quite able to say what had happened.

James Ernest Toy, a leading stoker on the Dunedin, said that Nesbitt and he were members of a party from the ship which went into camp at Trentham at 4 pm on 29th October. On being dismissed until the next morning, Nesbitt and he went up to the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, where they intended to stay the night. They had from nine to twelve glasses of beer, and left, at about 11.30, they decided to return to the camp to avoid the bustle of getting back early the next morning. After passing Quinn's Post Hotel, Nesbitt appeared to be overcome by the liquor he had consumed, and he lay down on the edge of the road with his head towards the centre. Witness tried unsuccessfully to rouse him, and then lay down beside him and rested on one elbow. The next thing he knew was that he was struck by something. He then saw a motor lorry pulling up a few yards further on. When the driver came up, they discovered that Nesbitt had been struck on the head by the lorry and was dead. Only one dim headlight was burning on the lorry. The deceased used to drink only on rare occasions.

Henry Marshall, licensee of the hotel, said that Toy and Nesbitt had previously visited the hotel, and the former had often stayed the night. It often happened that people booked in and then did not stay.

Hector John Bengé, barman, at the hotel, said that he supplied the two men with drinks, and he did not think they had more than eight glasses.

The lorry driver, Joseph Francis Billington, said that he was returning from Masterton, and was approaching Trentham when he felt the lorry go over something. On pulling up, he found that Nesbitt had been struck by the lorry and was dead. Witness was travelling at between 15 and 20 miles an hour when the accident occurred. Both headlights were burning when he left Masterton, but one had gone out of action coming over the Rimutakas. He saw nothing of the two men before coming to them.

On returning a verdict that the deceased was accidentally killed through being run down by a motor lorry, the Coroner said that Nesbitt had apparently been overcome by either the lateness of the hour or the drink he had consumed, or both, and had lain down on the road. While his companion was endeavouring to rouse him, the lorry came along and struck the deceased. The lorry was not lighted according to regulation, but it was doubtful even had it been fully lighted that the driver would have avoided the men owing to their dark uniforms and the fact that they were not moving. He was not able to say that the driver had been negligent.

Sub-Inspector Lander conducted the inquest. Mr W B Rainey appeared for the relatives of the deceased, Mr F W Ongley for the lorry driver, and Mr A J Mazengarb for Toy.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 November 1928)

Evening Post newspaper 20 November 1928 (plus other newspapers & dates)

W. Phillips a carpenter of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, fell and fractured his left leg when he was climbing over a fence at Upper Hutt early last evening. After attention by a doctor he was removed to the Hospital by the City Ambulance

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 20 November 1928 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 12 December 1928

Forgery and Uttering

Three charges of forgery, two of uttering, and one of false pretences were made against Ernest George Dryden, a labourer, aged 24, before Mr E Page SM, in the Magistrate's Court today. Sub-Inspector Lander said that, on 25th November Dryden went to Upper Hutt, where he stayed at the Provincial Hotel. He paid for his board with a forged cheque for £17 10s, and received some change. He then went to Palmerston North, and from there to Otaki where he forged another cheque for £9 6s to pay for his board at the Railway Hotel. He received change at this hotel. From Otaki he came to Wellington, where he attempted to utter another forged cheque for £10 12s 6d on Mr Vance. The accused then went to Upper Hutt where he was arrested. After evidence had been taken the accused, who was represented by Mr W R Leicester pleaded guilty, and was committed to the Supreme Court for sentence.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 December 1928)

Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1929

Lower Hutt Court

As a result of visits by the police to the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and the Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham on the night of 15th December Henry Bengé, John Bearman, Matthew Feehan, Harold Kearney, James Maher, Sidney Selwood, James Troughton and John Noble McKinnon were charged with being found on licensed premises after hours. Each defendant was convicted and fined £1 and McKinnon was fined £2 for giving a wrong name and address. Charges against Henry Marshall licensee of the Provincial Hotel were adjourned until the next sitting of the Court on 6th February.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1929)

Evening Post newspaper 14 February 1929

In a Bar Parlour an Upper Hutt Case - Customers after Hours

That there had been practised a system of after hour trading which was assisted by the manner in which the lights were situated and controlled in the hotel was the statement made by Sergeant J W McHoln in the Upper Hutt Magistrate's Court yesterday, when Henry Marshall, the licensee

of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, was charged with allowing liquor to be consumed after hours, exposing liquor for sale after hours, and aiding and abetting the offence of being found on licensed premises after hours.

Counsel for the defendant (Mr A J Mazengarb) objected to the sergeant's statement, holding that the charges being dealt with related to one date only.

Sergeant McHolm stated that on the evening of 15th December last, at 9.40 o'clock he and Constables Joss and Griffiths visited the Provincial Hotel, each entering by different doors. Six men rushed out of the bar parlour. They were stopped and taken back into the room, which was in darkness. The lighting of this room was controlled by a switch in the private sitting-room. The licensee was found in the passage and appeared to have come, from the back entrance. Asked by the witness why the men were on the premises, the licensee demurred at first. Witness found a small slide open between the bar parlour where the men were and the bar. There was also a large slide closed, inside of which were seventeen or eighteen glasses, some full, some partially full, and some empty, and a decanter of whisky. Later the licensee Marshall said to witness: "Now that I'm caught, I don't mind telling you that I only trade with local's men that can afford to drink." The lights in the bar were also controlled from the private sitting-room upstairs. The six men found on the premises had since been convicted and lined on that account.

Constable R Griffiths gave evidence. From the back yard of the hotel he could see a light shining from the bar parlour and could hear talking. The light was suddenly extinguished and the men rushed out. After the police had secured the men, witness climbed into the bar through the slide. Except for the slide the bar was locked.

Constable C Joss was the next witness. He said that he had seen Marshall, the licensee, rush upstairs soon after witness entered the hotel.

For the defence, Mr A J Mazengarb said that however suspicious the circumstances, there had been no sale of liquor, and no exposing for sale. A few minutes before the arrival of the police Marshall was in the bar with the lights on. The lights were observable from the front and the side of the premises. Marshall was in the bar to serve two boarders after finishing which he turned out the lights and went into the street in front of the hotel, where he stood talking for a few minutes, and then went to the rear, of the premises. He went in the back door of the hotel, and from then on there was no dispute about the facts. Counsel said that he would like to comment upon one or two points in the police case. The position of the light in the bar parlour was such that had the slide into the bar been open and trading going on the light must have been observable from the front and side of the premises, which was not the case. Counsel also contended that if not absolutely impossible in the time, it was evidence of a very quick wit for the licensee to have collected the glasses, locked the bar, and got out to switch off the lights in the way alleged. He proposed to prove that Marshall had left the bar prior to the police raid. The exposure of the liquor in the bar through the small slide was accidental, and it was certainly not a case of exposure for sale.

A boarder at the hotel stated that he and another boarder had had drinks from Marshall in the bar at 9.10 pm. They were in the bar parlour and had the drinks through the small slide.

The defendant, Henry Marshall, said that after serving the two boarders between 9 and 9.30, he went out on the front footpath. After standing there he went round to the back, and when he entered the hotel again through the back door, the police were there. He had not been in the bar or upstairs in the interval. He had no knowledge of the men being on the premises, for they were not in the bar when he left, and the anteroom was in absolute darkness.

Evidence was given by K S Geange that while walking towards the post office (which is just opposite the hotel) he saw the police arrive and enter the hotel. After posting his letter he saw Marshall on the other side of the road talking on the footpath.

The Magistrate (Mr T B McNeil, SM) said that there must be a conviction. There was sworn evidence, unshaken in any way, that Constable Joss saw the licensee rush upstairs and very shortly afterwards the licensee came in at the back door. The Magistrate said he had inspected the premises and thought it quite possible for a dexterous person to accomplish what in his opinion had happened. It was extraordinary that there were six men in a dark room for no reason. He thought that all the circumstances tended to show that they were there for liquor, and he held that there had been a sale. He was, satisfied that there had been exposure for sale, as anyone could see the liquor by looking through the slide.

For exposing liquor for sale Marshall was convicted and fined £10, for allowing liquor to be consumed he was convicted and ordered to pay costs; and on the charge of aiding others in the commission of an offence he was convicted and fined £2.

The Magistrate suggested that it would be in the licensee's own interests if he had the switches altered so that the lighting in the bar might be controlled from the bar.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 14 February 1928 page 12)

Evening Post newspaper 16 April 1929

Mr Justice MacGregor in the Supreme Court to-day heard an application by Henry Marshall, hotel proprietor of Upper Hutt, for a writ of prohibition against the further enforcing of a conviction for exposing liquor for sale; allowing liquor to be consumed after hours and aiding and abetting six men being on licensed premises after hours. After hearing argument, his Honour dismissed the application.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 16 April 1929 page 1)

Hutt News newspaper 09 January 1930

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the formation of a Racing Club at Upper Hutt was held in the Provincial Hotel on Saturday evening last. Mr McCulloch was voted to the chair.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt News newspaper 09 January 1930)

Evening Post newspaper 10 April 1930

Illegally in a Hotel

Two men who were, caught by a police constable coming out of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, at 9.30 on a recent Saturday night were charged in the Upper Hutt Magistrate's Court yesterday with having been found, on licensed premises after hours.

Constable C Joss stated that he saw a motor car stop outside the hotel and two men get out and go towards the hotel. He did not see them enter it, but a few minutes later saw them come out of the front door. One was carrying a small handbag, which he found contained two bottles of beer. Both denied having obtained the liquor at the hotel, and the licensee denied having supplied them.

On behalf of one of the defendants, John Woods, Mr A J Mazengarb entered a plea of guilty. His client informed him that he had no liquor in the hotel, nor did he see the licensee. Under the circumstances, however, he pleaded guilty.

The other defendant Cecil Osborne, appeared in person to plead not guilty, his defence being that he was on the premises for his personal convenience and not for any illegal purpose. He had bought the beer at Quinn's Post before 6 o'clock and had neither bought nor drunk any liquor at the Provincial Hotel. They had carried the beer into the hotel with them for fear of its being taken if left in the car.

Mr W H Woodward, SM, said that a Woods had pleaded guilty he must be convicted and fined the usual £. Osborne's story he was inclined to believe, and the charge against him was dismissed. As you were with your friend, I take it you'll contribute to his fine, he added.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 April 1930)

Catherine Agnes O'Leary who held the license for the Provincial Hotel in 1905 died 1931 in Upper Hutt age 79.

Evening Post newspaper 16 June 1932

Two National Games - One of them Rugby - Judge's Terse Comment

Counsel appearing in the- Supreme Court to-day on behalf of Ronald Comnathan Douglas, who had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, by night, and theft, urged that some indication of the, prisoner's real character was given by the fact that he was a senior Rugby player and Rugby was the national game.

Mr Justice Reed 'Unfortunately breaking and entering is becoming a national game.

Counsel said that the value of the goods stolen was only £2 5s, and it was perhaps not quite as serious to break into a hotel, which was a public accommodation house, as to enter a private dwelling. The prisoner was quite a good Rugby player and was much in demand.

There, are quite good teams in the detention camps, observed his Honour.

A sentence of twelve months reformatory detention was imposed.
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 June 1932)

Evening Post newspaper 12 October 1933

Liquor Sold after Hours

Charges of selling liquor after hours made against Harry Marshall, licensee of the Provincial Hotel, and James Phillips, barman, were heard before Mr J S Barton SM, at the Upper Hutt Court yesterday. The defendants pleaded guilty.

Constable C Joss said the offence was committed on 02 September, at 9.30 pm.

Mr A J Mazengarb, who appeared for Marshall, said his client lived in private apartments away from the main hotel. He ran a good hotel, and no complaints were made about the conduct of it. The barman had since been dismissed.

The Magistrate convicted and fined Marshall £5, and convicted and fined Phillips £7 10s.

With the permission of the Court, charges against the defendants of exposing liquor for sale after hours were withdrawn

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 October 1933)

Evening Post newspaper 11 October 1934

Open After Hours - Licensing Offences

A visit paid by the police on the night of 18 August to the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, was described by Senior Sergeant G Sivyler in the Upper Hutt Court yesterday, when charging Harry Marshall, Wilfred Ralph, and Jack Fothergill with opening licensed premises after hours for the sale of liquor. Mr J G L Hewit SM, was on the Bench.

Mr A J Mazengarb entered a plea of guilty on behalf of the three defendants. The police withdrew charges of exposing liquor for sale.

Senior Sergeant Sivyler said that at 9.15 pm on, 18 August Constables Joss and Stewart visited the Provincial Hotel. They noticed the licensee (Marshall) coming out of a room connected with the bar, and they asked him if there was anyone there. He showed them two men in the room, but said there was no one in main bar. The bar was in darkness, but when they opened the door there was a scatter. Four men were seen, but they were not identified. Two barmen were behind the bar, and there were glasses on the bar, one containing liquor. Precautions had been taken against discovery, a towel being placed under the door to prevent the light showing. The licensee was fined £5 in October 1933 for selling liquor after hours and in April of last year he was fined £2 for a similar offence.

Mr Mazengarb admitted that it was a "fair catch." The occasion was a Saturday night, always, a "big night" in a small town. The hotel was well run, apart from the offences mentioned by the senior sergeant. The times were somewhat hard, and as the present licensee had notice to quit and had not done anything in recent months, he was more or less forced into after-hours trading. Ralph was the barman, and Fothergill just happened to be behind the bar. Marshall was fined £5, and Ralph and Fothergill £1 each. For being found unlawfully on licensed premises after hours one man was fined 30s and two others £1 each.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 October 1934)

In 1934 Thomas Fisher was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Thomas Fisher held the licence in October 1934

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM 678 W2874 77/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 1951-1975)

Evening Post newspaper 09 November 1934

Notice of Application of Transfer of License

I Harry Marshall of Upper Hutt being the holder of the premises situated at Upper Hutt and known as the Provincial Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrate's Court Carterton on the 05th day of December 1934 apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Thomas Fisher my appointee.

Dated at Wellington the 24th day of October 1934 H Marshall

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 November 1934)

Evening Post newspaper 10 November 1934

Notice of Application of Transfer of Licence

I Harry Marshall, of Upper Hutt being the holder of a Publican's Licence in respect of the premises situate at Upper Hutt, and known as the Provincial Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting, to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Carterton, on the 5th day of December 1934, apply for a transfer of the said Licence from myself to Thomas Fisher my appointee.

Dated at Wellington the 24th day of October 1934 – H Marshall.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 10 November 1934 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 11 April 1935

In a Hotel after Hours

Charged with being found on licensed premises after hours, Joseph Robert Wyeth, Allan Gardner, Leo O'Riley, William John Paul, and Henry Steven Turvey appeared in the Upper- Hutt Court yesterday before Mr W F Stilwell SM.

Constable C Joss said that on 09 March he and Constable Stewart went to the Provincial Hotel and found five men who had no right to be there. They were sitting in a bar parlour along with boarders. Paul said he came to see a boarder, but the others admitted that they had come to the hotel for a drink. Paul was a local resident, but the other men came from Whiteman's Valley. Fines of £2 were imposed in each case.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 April 1935)

Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1935 (plus other dates)

Notice of Application for a Publican's License

I Thomas Fisher of Upper Hutt Hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrate's Court at Masterton on the 07th day of June 1935 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's Licence for a house situated at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel containing seventeen rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family.

Dated at Upper Hutt the 10th day of May 1935

Messrs J Staples and Co Ltd., are the owners of the premises.

Address of owners Australasia Chambers Customhouse Quay Wellington – T FISHER

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1935)

Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1935

Cars in Contact - Mishap in Taita Gorge

A car owned and driven by Mrs Ruby Fisher, of the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt was extensively damaged and a received facial cuts, as the result of an accident in the Taita Gorge at 4.40 pm yesterday. Mrs Fisher, travelling north, was passing another vehicle going in the same direction and driven by Mr Frederick William Driscoll of Exchange Street, Upper Hutt. The vehicles made contact as the result of which Mrs Fisher's turned to the right and crashed into the rocky bank and Mr Driscoll's turned to the left and stopped against the fence. No one was seriously injured.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1935 page 15)

Evening Post newspaper 18 May 1935

I Thomas Fisher of Upper Hutt, Hotelkeeper, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting; to be held at the Magistrates Court at Carterton on the 7th day of June 1935, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's Licence for a house situate at Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel, containing seventeen rooms, exclusive of, those required for the use of the family - Dated at Upper Hutt the 10th day of May 1935 - Messrs J Staples and Co. Ltd. are the owners of the premises address of owners Australasia Chambers, Customhouse Quay, Wellington - T FISHER

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 18 May 1935 page 3)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 December 1935

Xmas come but once a year and when it comes it brings

Good Beer from Tom Fisher

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

Prepare for a Bumper Festive Season

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 December 1935)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 December 1935 (plus other dates in 1936)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

T Fisher (Proprietor)

Good Wines, Spirits and Beer in Stock

First Class Dining Room

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 December 1935)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 10 January 1936

Wedding – Sanders – Cooley

Great interest prevailed in the district on Monday when the wedding of Maurice eldest son of Mr and Mrs J R Sanders of Island Bay Wellington to Joyce only daughter of Mr W Cooley and the late Mrs Cooley was solemnised at St Joseph's Catholic Church Upper Hutt. [various other details about the wedding]. About 50 guests were entertained to the wedding breakfast at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt when several toast were drunk the bride and bridegroom being the main toasts.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 10 January 1936)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 10 July 1936

Minutes of Works Committee meeting held on Thursday 02 July 1936

Notices of Motion

That the horse trough in front of the Provincial Hotel be removed. Moved by Councillor Baskett but lapsed for the want of a seconder.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 10 July 1936)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 18 September 1936

Dinner at the Provincial

Both teams [Otaki club Rahui & local rugby club] were entertained to dinner at the Provincial Hotel in the evening. Mr and Mrs Fisher provided the teams with a splendid dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed. The Provincial Hotel is noted for its hearty welcome and visiting teams as well as travellers passing through confidently reply upon the present proprietors for abundant hospitality.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 18 September 1936)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 November 1936

Rose Day Receipts in Upper Hutt

The Rose Day collections in the Upper Hutt recently amounted to £12/1/5, which is very creditable. Many thanks are due to the following lady sellers Mesdames Kelly, Stroud, Carver and Campbell also to the various schools in the district who so ably assisted. To Mr and Mrs Fisher Provincial Hotel special thanks are due for providing the sellers with luncheon etc.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 November 1936)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 08 January 1937 (plus other dates)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

T Fisher (Proprietor)

Good Wines, Spirits and Beer in Stock

First Class Dining Room

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 08 January 1937)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 18 June 1937

A Street Day

In aid of St Joseph's Orphanage will be held in Upper Hutt on Thursday the 24th instant. Cakes, sweets, vegetables, preserves of all kinds will be on sale at the Stall beside the Provincial Hotel.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 18 June 1937)

Evening Post newspaper 25 September 1937

Fire Fighting – Upper Hutt Reunion

Fire brigades-men from Carterton, Eastbourne, Featherston, Lower Hutt, Martinborough, Petone, Silverstream, Trentham Camp and Wellington were present at the annual reunion of the Upper Hutt Volunteer Fire Brigade held in the Druids' Hall Upper Hutt last evening.

The Mayor (Mr A J McCurdy) said it was now twenty three years since the first unit was established in Upper Hutt.

In proposing a toast of the Upper Hutt Fire Brigade Councillor Greig said that when he came to Upper Hutt he was 23 years old now he was 74. He remembered seeing a few men with a hand pump and buckets fighting a fire in the Provincial Hotel. [I did not transcribe all of the newspaper article only parts]

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 September 1937)

The Provincial Hotel was transfer from J Staples & Co to New Zealand Breweries Limited around 08 October 1937.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM 678 W2874 77/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 1951-1975)

In 1937 J Staples & Co sold the Provincial Hotel to New Zealand Breweries Limited. For additional information about the Provincial Hotel from 1937 to 1975 please refer to the Archives reference below and the transcriptions towards the end of this section of the document before the section on people connected to the Provincial Hotel.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington nR19794411 AADM W2874 678 box 77 a LCC/WEL Licensed Premises Files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt date 1951 to 1975)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 07 January 1938

Mr and Mrs C Stevens and family Palmerston North are staying at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 07 January 1938)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 26 August 1938 (plus other dates)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

T Fisher (Proprietor)

Good Wines, Spirits and Beer in Stock

(Reference Papers Past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 26 August 1938 page 4)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 16 September 1938

Dinner and Presentation

Over 60 people sat down to the dinner at the Provincial Hotel in the evening. The President of the Upper Hutt Club (Mr S Keegan) presiding and associated with him were Messrs Kendrick (president) and Wylie (Vice-President) of the Rahui Club [football club]. Other toasts honoured were "Host and Hostess" Mr F Morton replied to be Mr and Mrs T Fisher [plus other details not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 16 September 1938)

On 22 September 1938 the NZ Breweries agreement was that Thomas Fisher would be the licensee of the Provincial Hotel for 3 years, from 1938 to 1941.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington nR19794411 AADM W2874 678 box 77 a LCC/WEL Licensed Premises Files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt date 1951 to 1975)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 09 December 1938

Personal – Mr T Fisher of the Provincial Hotel has returned from his trip to the Islands.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 09 December 1938)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 13 January 1939 (plus other dates)

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

T Fisher (Proprietor)

Good Wines, Spirits and Beer in Stock

First Class Dining Room

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 13 January 1939)

Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1940

The Pioneers Upper Hutt Folk – Centennial Emblems Presented

Honour was paid on Saturday afternoon, by the Upper Hutt Borough Council, on behalf of the citizens, to the early settlers in the district, when twenty three residents who have lived in the Dominion for at least 75 years were entertained at dinner at the Provincial Hotel. Sixteen others were unable to be present.

The Mayor, Mr J Blewman, presided and presented each of the guests entitled to the honour a coloured silk badge indicating that the wearer had lived either 95, 90, 85, 80, or 75 years in the Dominion. Those not present will receive the emblems by post.

Mr Richard Mudgway the only representative of the 95 years group received a special badge and was given a great ovation by the guests. He was born in the Hutt Valley 95 years ago. Those who received the 85 years residence badge were Mrs E Paul (85), Mrs J Golder (85), and Mrs F O'Leary (85), Mrs A Perry (87) and Mr H Salmon (85), who were absent, also qualified.

The 80 years group were Mrs W Hepburn (82), Mrs M J Whiteman (82), Mr Jas Martin (82), Mrs F H Meuller (81), Mr G Perry (80), Mrs M McNabb (80), Mr J Cudby (84), and Mrs E Butler (80), absent members of the groups were Mr F Kruse (82), Mrs F Whiteman (82), Mr J W Cowe (82), Mr T Allen (81), Mrs E A Pearson (81), and Mrs J Whiteman (80).

The 75 years group comprised Mr H D Adams (78), Mrs A Quinn (78), Mr M McNabb (78), Mr J Francis (77), Mrs A Roband (76), Mrs W Greig (76), Mr T Dorrin (75), and Mrs J H Bowen (75). Absent members were Mrs T Allen (78), Mr G Knipe (77), Mr D Brown (77), Mr M Cuneen (75), Mr Wm. Burrell (75), and Mr W B Corliss (75).

The oldest persons present were Mr R. Mudgway, 95 years old, Mrs A Quinn 92, Mr T Dorrin, 90, and Mrs E Paull 88. Mr W Burrell, who was absent is 91.

An expression of sympathy was sent from the gathering to the relatives of Mrs R Kennard, one of the invited guests, who was born in the Dominion 90 years ago, but who had died the previous day. Mr Kennard would have been the representative of the 90 years group.

In proposing the various toasts, speeches were made by Mr J Blewman (Mayor), Mr F O'Leary Councillor, C A Rendle (Deputy Mayor), Councillor A W Richardson (who appeared in uniform), Mr A J. McCurdy (ex-Mayor), Councillors H C Polson, W A Stewart, H Lancaster, J Purvis, P Gray, and T. Clyma, and Messrs B M Wilmshurst (Town Clerk) and R Ashford.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1940 page 7)

Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1940

[Photograph image of people]

A corner of the dining room of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday when the Upper Hutt Borough Council on behalf of the district entertained twenty three residents who lived in the Dominion for at least seventy five years

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1940 page 7)

Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1941

The Third Ballot Wellington Quota – List of 2493 Names

Results of the third ballot or men to serve with the Armed Forces overseas was published in a Gazette Extraordinary today.

F J Archer Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1941)

Evening Post newspaper 07 August 1941 (plus other dates)

Female Chef wanted about 20 August Competent Chef (Woman) country provincial hotel three hand kitchen Good position capable women Apply 449 Evening Post

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 August 1941)

It is not stated in the newspaper article if the hotel was the Provincial hotel in Upper Hutt or in another district perhaps Wellington.

Evening Post newspaper 16 December 1943

Married Couple Leading Provincial Hotel wife 2nd cook, 3 handed kitchen, husband porter, mostly outside, separate cottage, permanent and good position for reliable couple 353 Evening Post

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 December 1943)

It is not stated in the newspaper article if the hotel is the Provincial hotel in Upper Hutt.

1943 Provincial Hotel



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website 1943 Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt)

Evening Post newspaper 02 February 1945

Lost at Upper Hutt on Wednesday Child's Dark Brown Cardigan. Please return to Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Reward

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 February 1945)

Evening Post newspaper 18 May 1945

Sgt Siversten Ex-E.I.C. Ring Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 9.30 am Saturday – Sandy Powell

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 May 1945)

In 1948 to 1951 Thomas Fisher still held the license of the Provincial Hotel

1948 Provincial Hotel



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Provincial Hotel 1948 P2-171-608)

Thomas FISHER held the licence from 01 November 1948 to 01 November 1951.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM 678 W2874 77/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 1951-1975)

Upper Hutt Leader 03 February 1955

20 Years in One Hotel - Mr & Mrs Fisher's Record

Mr and Mrs Tom Fisher, who are retiring from the hotel business this weekend, have been running the Provincial Hotel for the past 20 years. Throughout their tenancy of the hotel, they have both been most generous to all the community in many ways. Mention had only to be made to them that certain people were sick and something in the way of good fare would come to them from mine host and hostess. St. Joseph's Orphanage will miss them greatly, as throughout their time in Upper Hutt., Mr and Mrs Fisher have helped them tremendously particularly when the orphanage was destroyed by fire in December 1946, when they put the children up at the hotel. Other organisations running street days have always been the guests of the Fishers to morning and afternoon tea, also luncheon when their stalls have been erected near the hotel. Sports bodies in the district have always found them willing to assist and Mr Fisher is a Vice president of most clubs. Tom Fisher was one of the few footballers to gain an All Black jersey, whilst playing for the West Coast, playing against Australia.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library newspaper collection website Upper Hutt Leader 03 February 1955)

In 1955 Vincent Smith held the license for the Provincial Hotel

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 10 February 1955

Now under new management – Mr V Smith (late Majestic Hotel Palmerston North) has now taken over the Provincial Hotel where patrons can be assured of an excellent service.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library newspaper collection website Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 10 February 1955)

Mr Vincent Charles SMITH died suddenly February 1955 in hospital.

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 03 March 1955

Obituary

Mr Vincent Smith manager of the Provincial Hotel died suddenly last week, after being in hospital only a few days. He had only just taken over the hotel from Mr T Fisher. Mr Smith was not known to many in Upper Hutt, but those who had met him spoke highly of the way he made friends in the short time in Upper Hutt. Mr Smith was assistant Manager of the Royal Oak Hotel Wellington for 21 years. He left to join the staff of New Zealand Breweries from whom he was relieving manager. He was well known in the Manawatu being licensee of the Majestic Palmerston North, for some years. In his younger days he was a good rugby player, being in the Marist senior team when it was enjoying a run of success in Christchurch. Mr Smith is survived by his wife and- daughter Ann to whom we extend our sympathy.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library newspaper collection website Upper Hutt Leader 03 March 1955)

In 1955 Mr Fleming held the licence for the Provincial Hotel

Mr Fleming held the licence around 1954-1955

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM 678 W2874 77/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 1951-1975)

I believe Mr Fleming may have been a temporary hotel manager after the death of Vincent Smith and before Wilfred Fenton took over the license of the Provincial Hotel.

In 1955 to 1957 Wilfred Fenton held the licence for the Provincial Hotel

Upper Hutt Leader 12 May 1955

New Licensees for both Hotels

Commencing on Monday the Provincial Hotel will be taken over by Mr W Fenton who has been Licensee of the Trentham Hotel for some while. "Bill" has become well known is of pleasant personality and with the support of Mrs Fenton will no doubt be most successful at Upper Hutt.

Mr S A (Stan) Hebdon who has taken over the Trentham Hotel (known as one time as Quinn's Post) was at Patea as relieving manager prior to coming to the district. We wish both Mr and Mrs Hebdon a very happy stay with us in the Upper Hutt District.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library newspaper collection website Upper Hutt Leader 12 May 1955)

Wilfred FENTON held the licence from 06 February 1955 to 1957

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM 678 W2874 77/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 1951-1975)

Upper Hutt Leader 09 August 1956

Mr and Mrs J Christie Raumati are at present managing the Provincial Hotel during the absence of Mr and Mrs Fenton who are on holiday.

(Reference Upper Hutt library newspaper collection website Upper Hutt Leader 09 August 1956)

Upper Hutt Leader 27 June 1957

New Public Bar opened at the Provincial Hotel

Upper Hutt went a step further in advance on Thursday last when the recently erected Public Bar for the Provincial Hotel was opened.

This bar will certainly fulfil a long felt want and with all its modern equipment patrons can be assured of better drinking arrangements.

The actual building is 76 feet 6 inches in length whilst the bar itself is 50 feet long and 26 feet wide and was built by F J Cleary Ltd. Upper Hutt.

The sub-contractors on the building were Messrs Cotter and Goodman Plumbers, F Haxton Painter, Harding & Reeve Electricians, Gorris Tile Co., (Roofing) and A E Park & Sons Plasterers and Tilers.

No doubt one of the features unique in this bar is an upholstered seat, capable of holding five people. This seat has been placed at the western end of the bar for old patrons whose names are inscribed above. The seat was contributed by patrons, staff and subsidised by the NZ Breweries.

Names associated with the seat are Messrs M Spence BEM, P O'Flaherty, W Poole, J Stringer, and V McGhie.

The new bar has an excellent staff of barman all dressed nicely in white coats and wearing red ties which certainly gives a tone to the place.

Yes Upper Hutt is certainly advancing with the times and when this hotel is completely renovated with its new private bar, ladies lounge, dining room and bottle store, it should be one of the show places of Upper Hutt.

Since Upper Hutt was founded over 120 years ago there has been many changes in the management of hotels in the district (which is now down to two), plus one chartered club R.S.A.

The first hotel in Upper Hutt was built at the corner of Main Street and Russell Street and was known as the "Shepherd" and its license was Mr Jim Brown, back in 1849. The hotel was set up as a half-way house between Wellington and Featherston. During his occupancy Mr Brown advertised his hotel in a paper named the NZ Spectator and Cook Strait Guardian stating that provision was available for all travellers who could rest overnight on their two-day journey to the Wairarapa. Good paddocks were available for horses and stock with excellent beer, wines and spirits available. Later the name of the hotel was changed to the "Criterion".

A further move was made at a later date and the hotel was removed from its present site (somewhere near the old Borough Council building) to its present site and was renamed "Provincial".

In 1875 the hotel was burnt to the ground but was rebuilt by Staples & Co in 1876 and reopened under the license of a Mrs Woods who conducted it until taken over by Mr Joseph Ames.

In 1881 Charles Edward Short (sometimes called Sport) took over the license, then came Charles Cudby followed by Victor Granville in 1889. Mr Granville was the then licensee of the Railway Hotel (now named Quinn's Post).

In October 1889 the license again changed hands to a person by the name of William Fred Richmond and once again burnt to the ground during his term of tenure.

The hotel was rebuilt in 1894 and the license was Mr Edward Till who found that there was insufficient custom and took on a road job in his spare time to make ends meet.

From 1895-1895 Humphrey George Langdon became the licensee and was followed in 1897 by Samuel K Milligan who held the license for 12 months then handed over to James Butler.

From 1900 to 1907 Mrs Catherine O'Leary was the licensee (Mrs O'Leary died in Upper Hutt in 1931 aged 79 years). She was followed by Charles Henry Williams until 1909 when Alexander Armstrong became the licensee.

Richard Quinn was mine host 1910-12 followed by Ernest Crabtree 1912-1914.

During the First World War 1914-1918 Mrs Helen Young was in charge followed by Thomas Quinn from 1919-1924.

Upper Hutt's next publican was Lou Naylor who took over from Tom Quinn but only stayed for a year then came Harry Marshall 1926-1934 (depression years).

In 1936 Mr Tom Fisher took over and with Mrs Fisher (Ruby) conducted the hotel for 18 years. On his retirement Mr H Smith became the licensee until his death in 1955 since when mine host have been Mr and Mrs W H (Bill) Fenton.

(Reference Upper Hutt Leader Newspaper Collection website Upper Hutt Leader 27 June 1957)

Many details in the newspaper article above are not correct. Please refer to the timeline of the Criterion hotel and the Provincial Hotel to view the correct details about the two hotels and their proprietors.

Upper Hutt Leader 16 December 1964

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PROVINCIAL HOTEL

YOUR HOSTS MR AND MRS W (BILL) FENTON

THE MANAGEMENT & STAFF OF THE PROVINCIAL HOTEL UPPER HUTT

EXTEND TO ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND EVERY GOOD WISHES

THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR

(Reference Upper Hutt Leader newspaper collection website Upper Hutt Leader 16 December 1964)

In 1966 Geoffrey Edward Winters was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel

1966 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- Geoffrey Edward WINTERS Provincial Hotel Main Road manager
- Mary Ruth WINTERS Provincial Hotel Main Road manageress

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

In 1969 the Provincial Hotel was given a Tavern License

Provincial Hotel before being demolished in 1972



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Provincial Hotel photographer Brian Pearce 02 July 1972)

In 1972 the Provincial Hotel was demolished and the new building opened and operated as a Tavern and became known as the Provincial Tavern

Provincial Tavern and Lion Court 1992



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Leader 1992 11 30 9)

The Provincial Tavern closed at Christmas 1991 thus ending the history of the original Provincial Hotel which operated on the same site since 1876 a total of 115 years.

Additional information about the Provincial Hotel

The Provincial Hotel 1951-1975 file holds numerous papers, reports, submissions, maps and a few photographs of the Provincial Hotel & Tavern. It was too large to do a complete transcription of the contents. Details are in date order.

- 15 February 1951 = Place Upper Hutt Hotel Provincial 1st review August 1950 LD Licence District of Otaki record of evidence Vol No 20B Decision No 33 date 15 February 1951
- 08 October 1937 = Wairarapa Licensing district Provincial Hotel Main Road Upper Hutt **CT 348/151** registered proprietor New Zealand Breweries Limited =Transfer 236386 08 October 1937 J Staples & Co to New Zealand Brewers Limited of 23 freehold and 2 leased properties Consideration £496,000 = Lease 21707 NZ Breweries Ltd to Thomas FISHER date 22 September 1938 Term 3 years commencing on 14 October 1938 Rental £3,640 per annum – so long as Thomas Fisher remains Lessee and in case lease purchases all liquors for the hotel from the Company or appointee – Keeping repair – Once and when requested by Police etc. paint exterior – As in (ref) paint varnish and paper interior – On one week's notice from lessor, lessee will surrender lease or transfer to appointee of Lessee
- 06 August 1950 = General report Chairman Licensing Central Commission Wellington - Hotel Provincial Licensing district Otaki location Main Road Upper Hutt Licensing district Otaki letter details - licensee Thomas Fisher who has held the license since October 1934 -Ownership The premises are owned by the New Zealand Breweries Ltd of Murphy Street Wellington – Hotel this hotel was erected prior to 1900 and no substantial additions have been carried out since. It is a two storey wood building with iron roof in good repair – The house is well furnished and kept in clean and tidy condition. The kitchen has electric and coal ranges for cooking and was heating which is satisfactory. Provision for storage of food adequate and

satisfactory. Extensive renovations have been out recently giving the interior of the hotel a modern appearance and a good standard of accommodation is provided. – The fire escape consists of vertical ladders from Upper Hutt front of building and stairs from passage ends. Hand fire extinguishers are installed but no fire alarm bells – Facilities for guest and general public there are 24 bedrooms in this hotel 9 being used by licensee and staff and 15 are available to accommodate 20 guests. Full board is provided and casual meal guest are also provided for. The dining room normally seats 40 persons. The hotel is frequented by the general and travelling public. There is an upstairs lounge for the convenience of guests. The nearest licensed hotel is about two miles distant – Sanitary Equipment the sanitary equipment for resident guests appears sufficient for normal requirements excepting that two additional hand basins separated from bathrooms is required. The public conveniences for bar customers of both sex is adequate and in good conditions. Bars the public bar has 70 feet of counter length and 630 square feet of customer space. There is natural ventilation plus an extractor fan. There is seating for 20 persons and there is an oil fuel heating system for bar. The private bar has 14½ feet of counter length with 90 square feet of customer space. There is a natural ventilation and seating for 6 persons. No heating. A lounge is provided for mixed drinking, liquor being served from a servery in the bottle store. This lounge seats 16 persons and is heated by an open fire. Glasses are washed in stainless steel sinks in public bar with an additional “Glassmaster” washing machine and in the private bar and bottle store servery in enamel sinks. There is a good hot water service to bars. Liquor is stored in a ground floor cellar and storerooms and bottle store which is satisfactory. – General this hotel has been conducted in a satisfactory manner and complaints have been received in regards to the service offered to the public. It is kept in very clean condition and offers a good standard of accommodation. On three occasions a check of bar customers in this hotel was made the particulars are as follows – 03 August 1950 time 12.5pm public bar 21 private bar 10 lounges 2 & 04 August 1950 time 5.40 pm public bar 140 private bar 20 lounges 15 & 05 August 1950 time 5.45pm public bar 200 private bar 30 lounges 25

- 19 July 1950 Police Inspection report
- 1949-1950 Licensee return of bedrooms, beds and guest accommodation (day to day report) from Thomas Fisher dated 15 August 1950
- 1950-1957 - Envelope marked “Confidential” [1] Licensee district of Otaki Owner NZ Breweries Ltd statement Thomas Fisher Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, 6 Barmen, 1 Cook, 1 General staff, 2 Housemaids, 1 housemaid/Waitress, 1 porter, bar takings – house taking £32,519 (£625 per week) – rent £2,860 (£55 weekly) – rates £165 12s 1d Insurance £81 8s 0d signed 15 August 1950 [2] Licensee district of Otaki Owner NZ Breweries Ltd statement Wilfred Fenton Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, 6 Barmen, 1 cleaner, 1 cook, 1 General staff, 3 housemaid/waitress, 1 porter, bar takings – finance details (not transcribed) signed 26 June 1957 [3] date 21 February 1957 Projected capital expenditure & New Bar wing and alterations to existing premises quotes builders trading accounts (5 pages)
- 19 June 1951 from Otaki Licensing Committee re Provincial Hotel license be granted conditionally that licensee and owner proceed with various items
- 29 June 1951 memo between Otaki Licensing Committee, extract from George Leslie Williams Mayor Upper Hutt “The existing public and private bars are sufficiently spacious for most of the day but not sufficient for peak hours. In these peak times the private bar is very inadequate”.
- 07 September 1951 memo re application permit for work alterations and additions to Provincial Hotel

Various documents regarding the building permits and alterations to the Provincial Hotel 14 September 1951 – 10 November 1952

- 09 March 1954 reports on both Trentham Hotel and Provincial Hotel additions and alteration and building of new hotel
- 08 November 1954 letter - Mr Fleming licensee of the Provincial Hotel – mention of building a new hotel half a mile south of existing hotel on his land on main road on corner section near Catholic church and previously owned by the church
- 01 June 1955 – Wilfred Fenton application for a publicans licence & manager – Annual meeting of Heretaunga Licensing Committee held Upper Hutt court house

Various extracts from the meetings held by the Heretaunga Licensing Committee at the Magistrates court in Upper Hutt 16 September 1955 – 09 December 1955 – 23 March 1956 (mentions Trentham Hotel owned by NZ Breweries could be an error but worth noting) 15 June 1956

- 1957 Plans of alterations to Provincial Hotel (**saved as IMG_ taken on 19 February 2019**)
 - 23 August 1957 report on plans (same as on the plan of January 1955)
 - 12 March 1958 report from Heretaunga Licensing committee held at Court house Upper Hutt
 - 20 February 1958 Plans of alterations to Provincial Hotel (**saved as IMG_ taken on 19 February 2019**)
 - 16 June 1958 report from Heretaunga Licensing committee held at Court house Upper Hutt
 - 11 June 1955 Police report on Hotel licensee Wilfred Fenton - owner NZ Breweries premises - two Storey wooden roof iron – bars good upstairs poor – Good new liquor lounge for male and female opened last October – bars very satisfactory new Fire escapes installed - remarks a good standard maintained the licensee informed me that he had made arrangement for the immediate removal of the old disused urinal and for the yard to be fenced. The licensing control commission has served written notice on the owners of this hotel to have the upstairs portion completely renovated within 12 months. New lounge bar very satisfactory
 - 12 September 1958 report from Heretaunga Licensing committee held at Court house Upper Hutt
 - 04 September 1959 report from Heretaunga Licensing committee held at Court house Upper Hutt
 - 18 May 1959 letter report from Heretaunga Licensing committee re Provincial Hotel, Quinn's Post Hotel and RSA Chartered Club
 - 20 April 1960 requisition following inspection on 20 April [1] complete finishing of steps to main cellar from public bar [2] clean walls of public bar particularly area around main extractor fan [3] seal rear yard to prevent dust nuisance [4] remove old wooden buildings in rear yard near south boundary which are a bad fire risk replace with fence on boundary where necessary [5] erect new laundry in place of buildings referred to in above [6] remove rubbish accumulation on roof area outside bedrooms and remove loose wires attached to building adjacent thereto these are a hazard in event of exit from the building through fire and other emergency at night – [7] proceed with proposed glass washing facilities in lounge [8] remove dish washing machine from kitchen not in use
 - 21 April 1960 report list on Provincial Hotel items to be actioned
 - 20 April 1961 report list on Provincial Hotel items to be actioned
 - 17 April 1961 report list on Provincial Hotel items to be actioned
 - 01 May 1962 letter regarding inspection of Provincial Hotel Main Street & Quinn's Post Hotel corner Main and Ward Street & Totara Lodge Ararino Street
 - 21 & 28 February 1966 letter above proposed sketch plans of Provincial Hotel NZ Breweries and Licensing Control Committee Wellington
 - 1966 Plans of alterations to Provincial Hotel (**saved as IMG_ taken on 19 February 2019**)
 - 04 & 07 March 1966 letter regarding the plans from Inspector of Licensing premises
 - 18 April 1966 from Inspector of Licensing premises re plans of hotel
 - 1966 three photos 2 frontage and 1 rear of Provincial Hotel (**saved as IMG_ taken on 19 February 2019**)
 - 29 November 1965 stamped 27 July 1966 report on Hotel – manager Wilfred Fenton owner NZ Breweries Ltd (5 pages)
 - 26 May 1966 Police report on hotel (2 pages)
 - 24 May 1966 stamped 27 July 1966 City of Upper Hutt report on Hotel (5 pages)
 - 27 July 1966 stamped Upper Hutt Fire Brigade report on Hotel (2 pages)
 - 07 July 1966 City of Upper Hutt letter report (2 pages)
- Various papers regarding plans for the hotel and comments
- 08 February 1967 report on accommodation at Quinn's Post Hotel and Provincial Hotel
- Various papers regarding accommodation in local hotel and comments
- 13 November 1968 Inspector of Licensed premises Wellington inspection of Provincial Hotel
 - 03 April 1969 reminder to renew licence for Provincial Hotel

- 17 April 1969 NZ Breweries Ltd apply for a Tavern premise licence in place of the existing Provincial Hotel premises licence (2 pages)
- 05 May & 04 June 1969 Meeting report Provincial Hotel Main Road Upper Hutt & Quinn's Post Hotel Ward Street Upper Hutt to Tavern Premises Licence(4 pages)
- 14 May & 10 June 1969 Meeting report hearing Provincial Hotel Main Road Upper Hutt & Quinn's Post Hotel Ward Street Upper Hutt to Tavern Premises Licence(4 pages)
- 07 August 1969 - Dominion & Evening Post newspapers 22 & 29 May 1969 notices of hearing regarding the Provincial Hotel and Quinn's Post hotel becoming Taverns

Various correspondences for and against the Tavern including statistics on accommodation and population in the Upper Hutt district.

- 20 May 1969 City of Upper Hutt letter My Council desire to appear at the hearing in opposition to these applications and will be presenting submissions accordingly against Tavern Premises Licences for Provincial and Quinn's Post
- 06 June 1969 Department of Health letter no objections to proposal
- Senior Sergeant P J DAWE Police department o proposal
- 10 June 1969 statistic and report on both hotels 2 lists (4 pages)
- John Mackintosh Addison BRIGHT Manager of Dunlop's factory report (4 pages)
- Colin Ogilvie GIBBS Upper Hutt Company Director J A Hazelwood report (2 pages)
- 09 June 1969 Upper Hutt Chamber of Commerce Incorporated submission
- Upper Hutt Borough Council no objection for Provincial Hotel or Quinn's' Post which is on parcel of land comprising of 4 acres 3 roods 7 perches more or less situated Borough of Upper Hutt being part of section 94 of Hutt District and being also lots 1 to 10 inclusive and balance Lot 26 in Deposit plan No 9348 and being balance of the land description in Certificate of Title Volume 348 Folio 287 (Wellington Register) dated 13 October 1964
- 10 July 1964 from NZ Breweries request approval for development Quinn's Post Hotel (2 pages)
- Charles Gordon CROS Town Clerk Upper Hutt evidence to oppose application of New Zealand Breweries for tavern premises licences for Quinn's Post Hotel and Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (6 pages) plus 2 other pages
- Occupancy rates for Quinn's Post from 1966 to 1968 (2 pages)
- Occupancy rates for Provincial Hotel from 1966 to 1968 (2 pages)
- Bernard Charles LAGAN Lower Hutt Company Manager NZ Breweries report Provincial Hotel approximately 70 years old & Quinn's Post constructed 1907 (6 pages)

Various other documents regarding the change to Taverns

- 10 June 1969 hearing - 22 August 1969 decision DECLINE Quinn's Post Hotel application and direct company to proceed with new accommodation – APPROVED Provincial Hotel but not to take effect until Quinn's Post accommodation is completed

Various other papers covering the Hotels and tavern Premises Licence functions and plans for Hotels etc. (1969 – 1970)

- 13 April 1970 Provincial Tavern Upper Hutt development proposals for new tavern
- 15 July 1970 Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt development proposals for new tavern

Various other papers covering the Hotels reports and tavern building plan (1970)

- December 1970 Plans of alterations to Provincial Hotel (**saved as IMG_ taken on 19 February 2019**)
- 03 February 1971 Property Manager NZ Breweries Hotels Division submission for new Provincial Tavern premises including shops
- 21 December 1970 proposed new tavern report by Inspector of Licensed Premises

Various other papers covering the Hotels reports and tavern building plan (1970-1971)

- 30 April 1971 referred to Provincial Hotel to be given Tavern status when Quinn's Post accommodation is completed
- 17 August 1971 Provincial Tavern Upper Hutt instalment of fees by Licensing Committee Wellington
- Plan of demolition to Provincial Hotel (**saved 2 sets as IMG_ and IMG_ both taken on 19 February 2019**)
- 20 April 1972 NZ Breweries Hotels Division Wellington regarding Provincial Tavern comments on sketch plan

- 01 May 1972 proposed rebuild of Provincial Tavern Upper Hutt
- Newspaper article with drawing of planned tavern “Modern Tavern to replace Hotel in Upper Hutt “ – The Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt is to be replaced with this 5000,000 tavern medalled inside on the latest New Zealand Breweries layout which has proved such a success in Wellington City. The 21,500 sq. ft. complex will house shops as well as bars in Main Street. As well as a public bar there will be a high-quality lounge bar with a steak bar and possibly facilities for dancing. The food bar-dance area is an idea pioneered by New Zealand Breweries Limited in Wellington and is gaining attention in other areas.
- Plan of demolition to Provincial Hotel (saved as IMG_ both taken on 19 February 2019)
- 20 & 27 March 1973 memos regarding the new Provincial Tavern building (plus other memos and letters)
- Plan of demolition to Provincial Hotel (**saved as IMG_ both taken on 19 February 2019**)
- 25 July 1973 Provincial Tavern proposed take-away food shop builder estimates completion time as follows Public bar and bottle store 01 August 1973 & Private Bar 15 August 1973 & the rest about a month later license to be renewed on 31 July 1973
- 18 July 1973 application for extension on licence for Provincial Tavern
- 02 July 1973 details of take-away shop is on main street at Upper Hutt township situated next to foyer of tavern partitioned off from the bottle store and there is no access from one to the other the only access from the shop to the remainder of the hotel is via the servery through the counter door the food will be prepared in the servery and supplied to the shop over the counter the servery will also provide food to other parts of the licenced premises including the public bar the servery however is separated from the public bar area by a corridor and a wall and the food will be served through the bar area through a hatch in the wall as shown on plan
- 09 August 1973 proposed take-away food bar has been considered by the Commission and DECLINED
- 12 September 1973 Inspector of Licensed Premises advise extended provisional license of Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt until 30 November 1973

End of file no other documents

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM W2874 678 box 77 a LCC/WEL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt years 1951-1975)

There was a Provincial Hotel in Molesworth Street in Wellington and many other Hotels around New Zealand with the same sign of Provincial Hotel.

2019 Main Street site of former Provincial Tavern



(Reference Google Maps website image)