

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

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.

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| 1876 | Joseph Ames proprietor |
| 1877 | Horace Ames proprietor |
| 1879 | W Bishop |
| 1878-1880 | Walter Bishop Provincial Hotel also known as Bishop's Hotel after the proprietor Mr Bishop (coroner's report held 11 March 1880 at the house of Walter Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt) |
| 1881 | Charles Edward Short proprietor |
| 1882 | Charles (Chill) Cudby proprietor |
| 1889 | Victor Granville proprietor |
| 1889 | William F Richards proprietor (October 1889) |
| 1889 | Fire burnt to the ground after 13 years of service (Rebuilt) |
| 1889 | Rebuild of Provincial Hotel |
| 1889 | Elizabeth Woods |
| 1890 | Widow Elizabeth Wood married Edward Till |
| 1894 | Edward Till |
| 1895 | Herbert Langdon |
| 1897 | Samuel K Milligan |
| 1898 | James Butler |
| 1889-1907 | Catherine Agnes O'Leary - died Upper Hutt 1931 age 79 |
| 1907-1909 | Charles Henry Williams |
| 1909 | Alexander Armstrong |
| 1910-1912 | Richard Quinn |
| 1912-1914 | Ernest Crabtree |
| 1914 | Hotel damaged from Bengel & Pratt Store explosion |
| 1914 | Hotel chimney caught alight minimal damage |
| 1914-1919 | Mary Ellen Young |
| 1916 | Fire curtains caught alight little damage to Hotel |
| 1919-1924 | Thomas Quinn |
| 1924-1925 | Lewis Marton Naylor |
| 1926-1934 | Henry Marshall |
| 1934 | Thomas Fisher |
| 1937 | J Staples & Co sold Hotel to New Zealand Breweries Limited |
| 1938-1941 | NZ Breweries to Thomas Fisher 22 September 1938 for 3 years |
| 1948-1951 | Thomas Fisher |
| 1954 | Mr Fleming |
| 1955-1957 | Wilfred Fenton |
| 1969 | Provincial Hotel to a Tavern License |
| 1972 | Provincial Tavern |

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)

In 1877 Horace Ames was the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 13 December 1876

An application for transfer of the Provincial Hotel license from Joseph Ames to Horace Ames

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 13 December 1876 page 2)

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

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 16 June 1877 page 3)

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 23 November 1877

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

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 - Moken's, 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)

On the 01 August 1878 Walter Bishop leased the Provincial Hotel sometime after was known as Bishop's Hotel after the proprietor Mr Bishop (coroner's report held 11 March 1880 at the house of Walter Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt)

Evening Post newspaper 30 July 1878

Mr P K Watty has just negotiated the sale of the lease of the Provincial Hotel, Lower Hutt, [sic] from Mr Horace Ames to Mr Walter Bishop, late of 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 1st August.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 30 July 1878 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 06 August 1878

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

(Reference Papers past newspaper Evening Post newspaper 12 September 1878 page 2)

Walter and Sarah had a son Cecil Percy Lovell BISHOP who was born 13 September 1878 at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio website 1878/15997 parents Sarah and Walter Bishop & Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 24 September 1878 page 2)

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 19 June 1879

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Court was held 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)

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 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)

In 1881 Charles Edward Short became the licensee 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].

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

Evening Post newspaper 19 September 1881

Harry Gavine was charged with stealing three blankets, valued at 17s, belonging to Charles E Short. The evidence showed that on the 7th 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)

In 1882 Charles Cudby held the license for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1882

The transfer of license for the provincial Hotel from Charles Edward Short to Charles Cudby.

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

Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1883

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)

Evening Post newspaper 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 10 January 1884 page 2)

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.

(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 29 October 1885

William [sic] Cudby was charged with permitting liquor to be consumed in his licensed house on Sunday 25th October.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1885 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1886

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Bench was held 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 07 June 1887

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held yesterday at the schoolroom Upper Hutt – 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)

In 1888 Victor Granville was the owner of the Provincial Hotel but Charles Cudby held the licence.

Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1888

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 8th day of June 1888, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of renewal of a Publican's License for the house situate at Upper Hutt, the property of Victor Granville, and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel, containing 12 rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated this 4th day of May 1888. Victor Granville.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1888 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1888

We understand, says the Nelson Colonist of yesterday, that Mr Victor Granville has commenced an action against Mrs Williams, of the Upper Hutt, for issuing a writ against him for obtaining money under false pretences in connection with the sale by him to her of an hotel in that district. The writ was issued by a Wellington solicitor upon the information of Mrs Williams, but was immediately withdrawn upon Mr. Granville telling his story and producing certain documents.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1888 page 2)

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 Victor Granville the owner applied for the license of the Provincial Hotel

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)

On the 20 September 1889 after 13 years of service a fire destroyed the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt. Mr William Frederick Richards was the occupant at the time.

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)

In November 1889 the Provincial Hotel was rebuilt and the widow Elizabeth Woods became the owner of the hotel.

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)

In 1889 William Frederick Richards became the Licensee of the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt.

Evening Post newspaper 14 November 1889

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 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 2nd 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 14 November 1889 page 4)

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)

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 05 April 1890

Notice of application for transfer of License - 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 05 April 1890 page 4)

In 1890 the widow of the Provincial Hotel Elizabeth Wood married Edward Till (Butcher) in New Zealand.

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

In 1890 Edward Till applied for the license of the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 15 May 1890

Notice of application for transfer of License - 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)

Evening Post newspaper 16 May 1890

Notice of Application for a Publican's License - R 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 7th day of June, 1890, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of renewal of a Publican's Licence for the house situate at Upper Hutt the property of Charles John Johnston, and known by the sign of the Provincial Hotel, containing rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family - Dated the 15th day of May 1890. Edward Till.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 16 May 1890 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 16 May 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.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1890 page 4)

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 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.

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

In 1895 George Herbert Langdon held the license for the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 10-13 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.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1895 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 11-13 May 1895

Notice of Application for Transfer of License - 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, mv appointee - Dated this 6th day of May 1895 - Edward Till.

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

In 1897 Samuel Kerr Milligan held the license for the Provincial Hotel

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)

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.

And

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 & RGO NZ death registration 1897 folio website 1897/782 age 55 born about 1842)

After the death of Samuel Milligan in 1897 James Butler operated the Provincial Hotel.

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)

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)

In 1898 Florence O' Leary formerly of the Police Force held the licensee of the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 06 December 1898

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)

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.

and

Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – Pleasure seekers 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 4 & 8)

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.

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

Evening Post newspaper 26 September 1901

To Builders Tenders will be received up to 4 p.m. of Friday, the 4th of October for the Erection of Additions and Alterations to the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. Plans etc. can be seen at my office - G G Schwartz Architect.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 26 September 1901 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904

Hutt Licensing Committee - 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 repapered. 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)

Evening Post newspaper 20 April 1904

Entries invited and may be left at Mr O'Leary's Provincial Hotel or Mr W B Travers agent.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 20 April 1904 page 8)

In 1905 Catherine Agnes O'Leary held the license for the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1905

Hutt Licensing Committee – 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)

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 held the license for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt.

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)

Evening Post newspaper 19 January 1907

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)

Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1907

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 Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1907 page 9)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1907

Hutt Licensing Committee – Renewals of licenses were granted to the following applicants – C H Williams Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (plus others)

And

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)

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. Mr Ostler cross-examined the witness at length. He denied that he had sent 13 bottles of beer as a present to Mr Morgan, of Akatarawa, by a carter named Childs. Mr Ostler If Childs says you did, will you deny it. Witness I know nothing about it. Will you swear it is untrue. I know nothing about it. Will you deny that your son sent the beer to Mr Morgan. I don't know what my son did. 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)

On 07 April 1909 Mr Campbell held 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 held the license of the Provincial Hotel

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)

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

Evening Post newspaper 07 March 1910

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 1910 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1910

Transfers were approved as follows - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, A Armstrong to F M Paulsen.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1910 page 8)

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 newspaper 16 January 1911

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 newspaper 16 January 1911 page 8)

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)

Evening Post newspaper 30 January 1911

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)

Evening Post newspaper 07 March 1911

The only business before the Hutt Licensing Committee at their meeting yesterday was the granting of transfers of the licenses of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt from Florence May Paulsen to Richard Quinn.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 07 March 1911 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1911

Renewals were granted in the following cases - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt R Quinn.

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

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911

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 24 June 1911

Town Board Elections - 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 05 June 1912

Hutt Licensing Committee - The police offered no objections and renewals were granted as follows - Richard Quinn Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt

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

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)

In 1912 Ernest Crabtree held the license for the Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1912

Mr Richard Quinn's interest in the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, to Mr Ernest Crabtree, formerly of Norsewood.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1912 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 04 September 1912

Hutt Hotels Licensing Committee Meets – Transfer were granted as follow R Quinn Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt, to E Crabtree.

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

Dominion newspaper 05 June 1913

The Hutt Hotels – The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held yesterday.

Renewals were granted as under – Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt E Crabtree

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

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 December 1913

Accidents - While out motoring last Sunday, Mrs Brighthouse (mother, of Mrs Crabtree of the Provincial Hotel) dropped 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)

The Bengé & 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 Bengé & Pratt store.

Dominion newspaper 30 March 1914

Raising the Alarm - The person who first noticed the fire in Messrs Bengé 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 Bengé 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 Bengé and Pratt's building. Mrs Crabtree and her husband aroused the members of their household, and Mr Crabtree carried the alarm to Constable Mahoney.

and
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 Bengé 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 farce 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)

In 1914 Mary Ellen Young held the license of the Provincial Hotel

Dominion newspaper 07-8 May 1914

Application for a Publican's License - 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.

and

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 – The following applications all which were granted were dealt with – Licenses Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (M E Young) plus others.

Transfers Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (E Crabtree to M E Young) plus others

(Reference Papers Past website Evening post newspaper 05 June 1914 page 8)

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 others.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening post newspaper 02 June 1915 page 8)

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 stragglng 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)

Evening post newspaper 07 June 1916

Hutt Hotels –Licensing Committee Meets – The following licenses were granted - Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt (Mary E Young) plus others.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening post newspaper 07 June 1916 page 8)

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)

During World War One the Hotel proprietor's son John (Jack) Young Private 41925 enlisted in 1916 and 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)

Dominion newspaper 06 June 1918

Hutt Hotels – Hutt Licensing Committee meet yesterday – In the following cases Licenses were granted or renewed - Provincial Hotel M E Young plus others

(Reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 06 June 1918 page 7)

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)

In 1919 Thomas Quinn held the license of the Provincial Hotel

Thomas QUINN married 1919 New Zealand Agnes LYNAM

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1919 folio website 1919/5354)

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)

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)

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 informations) 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)

In 1924 Lewis Marton Naylor held the license to 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 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 had the license for the Provincial Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1926

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 and

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 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.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 13 October 1927 page 9)

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.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1928 page 11)

Evening Post newspaper 20 November 1928

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 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. [Additional details of case]

(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)

In 1931 Catherine Agnes O'Leary who held the license for the Provincial Hotel in 1905 died in Upper Hutt age 79

In 1934 Thomas Fisher was the licensee 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 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 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 26 August 1938

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)

In 1937 J Staples & Co sold the Provincial Hotel to New Zealand Breweries Limited

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)

On 22 September 1938 the NZ Breweries agreement that Thomas Fisher would be the licensee of the Provincial Hotel for 3 years to 1941.

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)

In 1948 to 1951 Thomas Fisher held the license of Provincial Hotel

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)

In 1954 Mr Fleming held the licence for the Provincial Hotel

Mr Fleming held the licence around 1954

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM 678 W2874 77/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 1951-1975)

In 1955 to 1957 Wilfred Fenton held the licence for the Provincial Hotel

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)

In 1969 the Provincial Hotel was given a Tavern License

In 1972 the Provincial Hotel was demolished and the new building opened and operated as a Tavern and became known as the Provincial Tavern

This Provincial Hotel 1951-1975 file held 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.

- 1st review August 1950 Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt Licence District Otaki date 15 February 1951
- Wairarapa Licensing district registered proprietor transfer J Staples & Co to New Zealand brewers Limited 08 October 1937 & NZ Breweries to Thomas Fisher 22 September 1938 for 3 years
- Licensing district Otaki 06 August 1950 letter details - licensee Thomas Fisher since October 1934 & ownership New Zealand Breweries Ltd & age of Hotel erected prior to 1900
- 08 November 1954 letter - Mr Fleming licensee of the Hotel
- 01 June 1955 –Wilfred Fenton issue of a publicans licence & manager
- 26 August 1957 – plans for upgrade of Hotel (Heretaunga Licensing Committee)
- 3 photographs of the Provincial taken around 1966
- 22 April 1969 correspondence between NZ Breweries Ltd and Licensing Control Commission to change Provincial Hotel to a Tavern license
- Dominion & Evening Post newspapers 29 May 1969 notices of meeting regarding the Provincial Hotel and Quinn's Post hotel becoming Taverns
- Various correspondences for and against the Tavern including stats on accommodation and population in the Upper Hutt district.
- 22 August 1969 permission was granted for Provincial Hotel to be given Tavern licence but only after extra accommodation was completed at the Quins Post Hotel by the NZ Breweries Ltd
- 30 November 1973 the Provincial was still operating on provisional licence but was called the Provincial Tavern

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AADM 678 W2874 77/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed Premises files Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt 1951-1975)

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.
