

Springdale Hotel

Recovering from miners bypassing Scrubyards in favour of the Temora Goldfield, Thomas Corby chose to re-erect his hotel at Springdale in 1897, possibly because of the rail line and the businesses that followed it, along with the still present mining operations conducted around the Village, which he was also involved in. It was however established by Joseph Corby, his brother, in 1895 under the name Corby's Family Hotel near "Woodville" (ScrubYards) he ceased trading in 1896.

Thomas's hotel would have six rooms along with a family and bath rooms. He applied for a license on 2nd October, 1897 which was soon granted. Corby only ran the business at the start and again at intervals, Mr Carey conducted the official opening on the 24th November, 1897.

By 1901, the premises was renamed the "Springdale Hotel".

Mr and Mrs Smith kept the establishment till 1902 Patrick Murphy was then the publican quickly followed by George Gordon in 1903, who saw the hotel destroyed by fire in 1905.

The fire started in the tap room and soon destroyed the rest of the building; the Coroner returned an open verdict. Thomas Corby returned from 1906 till 1909, then next seemed to be his son Percy Corby in 1910, he in turn giving way to George Powell in 1912 .William M O'Donnell in 1913, who devised the motto: "cleanliness & civility".

With his departure, came Sydney Chatten from the Grand Hotel in Temora in 1914-1916, then his wife Sarah Ann Chatten 1917-1918. Next was Frederick Smith Jnr in 1919.

In September 1920, Walter F Kalms held the licence, he in turn was replaced by Mr McCarthy, James Campbell was the licensee in 1921 then later that year also Thomas Tyson Dixon, who was replaced again with William McCarthy in November, 1923. Albert Whitehead from South Africa was in charge on the 23rd January, 1924.

By the 27th June, 1925 Herbert Chatburn withdrew from the renewal of the licence of the Springdale Hotel.

He would be the last in the line of publicans at the establishment, with the hotel and its stock being auctioned on 30th June, 1925. Frederick Smith applied to reopen the hotel in 1926, but the licensing board rejected his application.

The building served as a store and then a residence for sometime before falling into disrepair and being pulled down.

