

STUDHOLME HOTEL BURNED DOWN

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BIG BLAZE AT 2 A.M.

The police received word this morning from Studholme Junction that the hotel there had been completely destroyed by fire.

It appears that at about 2 o'clock this morning Mrs Hills, wife of the licensee, was awakened by a noise, and on essaying the passage leading to the stair-head she found the place filled with smoke, a fire having broken out in a cupboard under the stair-case. The inmates were aroused, and made their escapes through the windows, nothing being saved.

The building, which was over 30 years of age, burned fiercely, and very soon there was nothing standing but four or five tall and stark chimneys.

At about 10 o'clock this forenoon Sergeant Eccles was examining Mr Hills' iron safe, which he had kept in a dis-used fire-place, and in which there were valuables, including about £400 in cash, and not two minutes after the officer finished his inspection and moved away from the dangerous looking chimney the whole structure fell with a crash. Men were then put on to pull down the other chimneys, to ensure safety.

The efforts of some of the residents saved the wash-house and other out-buildings.

The building (owned by Ward and Co., Christchurch) was insured for £1000 in the Commercial Union, and Mr A. W. Hills, the licensee, had his stock and furniture insured for £700 in the Phoenix.

Among the early licensees of the house were the late Mr Fred. Gault, Mr M. Sherwin, Mr Herbert Mann, Mr Owen Connolly, and Mr J. Quinn.

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