

#### 4.3 HAMILTON'S HOTEL HOKITIKA 1866

On 7 November 1866, there was an advertisement for Hamilton's Hotel, Revell St, Hokitika, Messrs Hamilton & McKittrick Proprietors.

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R E V E L L   S T R E E T ,   H O K I T I K A ,  
M E S S R S   H A M I L T O N   &   M ' K I T T R I C K ,  
P R O P R I E T O R S .

This hotel has just undergone a thorough repair—extensive alterations and additions have recently been made, in which the proprietors have neither spared pains nor expense to make it one of the most comfortable houses in town. It comprises twenty well-aired and roomy bedrooms, Commercial Room, and Private Parlors, a large Dining Room capable of accommodating fifty persons.

The table is under the careful management of an experienced cook.

The bar is well supplied with a choice selection of Wines, Spirits, sparkling Ales, and London Stout, under the careful supervision of the proprietors themselves.

Billiards ! Billiards ! Billiards !

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#### West Coast Times 7 November 1866

While it is possible that John Hamilton could have travelled via Hokitika and established a business relationship with McKittrick, we are not so sure that this is the case or indeed whether he was the Hamilton in the partnership.

Our belief is that if he did have a business relationship with McKittrick it would most likely have continued later in life and given his subsequent hotel experiences would have some scope to further involve him. However, we have not located any later reference to such a relationship.

The license of the hotel was transferred on 30 May 1867 from Hamilton & McKittrick to HC Richmond<sup>1</sup> and the hotel was renamed the New Orleans.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Christchurch Archives Letter from Commissioner to Provincial Secretary 31 May 1867

<sup>2</sup> West Coast Times 23 July 1867

## Hotels and Restaurants.

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### NEW ORLEANS HOTEL,

(Late Hamilton's)

Opposite Temple Chambers,

Revell Street, Hokitika,

H. C. RICHMOND, Proprietor,

(Late of Otago and Victoria.)

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The proprietor having completed very extensive alterations in the above establishment begs respectfully to inform the citizens of Hokitika, the inhabitants of the surrounding districts, and the public generally, that he is now prepared to accommodate all who may pay him a visit in a manner that cannot fail to please the most fastidious.

The Parlours, Commercial, Smoking, and Bedrooms are furnished in a style of elegance, combined with comfort, very rarely to be met with in this part of the hemisphere.

### BILLIARD SALOON.

The Billiard Saloon has been fitted up with an eye to the comfort of its habitués, and contains one of Alcock's prize tables, and under the supervision of an experienced marker.

The Cuisine Department will be found complete with all the delicacies of the day. Table de Hôte at 6 o'clock p.m.

### BAR.

The Bar is stocked with the best of Wines, Spirits, Liqueurs, Ales, and Cigars, imported expressly for this house. 8641

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