

the Shell Service station is located. The Ottawa House built the same year, was taken over by O'Neills from Eganville, who in turn sold to Jack Lynch. It has had several proprietors, and is still operated under the name of "Kearney House".

Kearney has had its share of fires. The first occurred in the early 90's when the dwelling of A.S. O'Neill was destroyed with its entire contents. Then about 1902, the store owned by L.S. LaHay together with two dwellings and a store-house (which had originally been ^{were} the first Presbyterian Church building) ^{burned}. In 1908 the chair factory was completely destroyed, and 1918 saw the destruction of the Kearney House. Early in 1920 the homes of Miss Traynor, Mr. & Mrs. J.D. McNeill and Mr. Fred Wheeler were destroyed. This, the worst of its kind, took the lives of Mrs. Wheeler and four children. The fire which destroyed the skating rink is still fresh in the minds of many of the present inhabitants.