



THE MILLER'S MAID.

Dauntless, ever tickle jade,  
Squandered treasure on the maid  
Of the mill;  
Gave her eyes of such rare blue  
That her soul kept peeping through  
The mill's mill;  
On his handsome chestnut-brown  
Sat the hair of half the town,  
Reminding his horse enchained with the vision on the mill;  
Fresh from college halls was he,  
Fell in love with her, let me see—  
But the story's told much sweeter by the maiden of the mill!  
But he knew not what to say,  
So he asked of me the way  
To the mill;  
It was just to make me speak,  
For it stood there by the creek  
N' Ath, the hill!  
It is difficult to frown  
On such loving eyes and brown,  
So I raked my arm and pointed just a moment down the hill;  
All he did was stand and stare,  
At my white arms, plump and bare,  
Till I had to doubt this handsome fellow's business at the mill!  
"Since you have no grist to grind,  
Why so anxious, sir, to find  
Father's mill?  
But the mill you'll never see  
While you stand and gaze at me—  
Think you will?  
Then I thought I heard him say  
As he threw a kiss this way,  
The building at the bottom of the hill!  
But I threw his kisses back  
While I bade him get a sack  
And take his many kisses to be ground up at the mill!  
Now he brings a grist each day,  
Which he never takes away  
By the mill;  
When I ask the reason why  
He will smile and make reply:  
"When you will  
That plain as plain can be  
By a grist he's meaning me,  
For my heart's ground up finer than the corn within the mill.  
And he says he'll share  
For the gold that's in my hair!"  
Well, I'm human, and I rather think I will!"  
—P. F. Brooks in San Francisco News Letter.

The Ottawa Mills were destroyed by fire last month.  
The new mill at Portage la Prairie is in operation.  
Mr. Darnley has purchased the Gladstone, Man., flouring mill.  
Mr. Robt. Nelson will build a grain warehouse at Salsgird, Man.  
The exports of wheat from Russia this season had fair to be large.  
Mr. J. C. Cameron is making extensive improvements to his mill at Portage la Prairie, Ont.  
Messrs. J. & J. Thompson's large new elevator at Ixalen, Ont., is already full of grain.  
James Davidson, of Wallaceburg, Ont., has purchased the grist mill at Wilkes, Ont.  
Mr. J. F. Ryan reported to have sold his mill at Belfountain, Ont., to Mr. Williams.  
The Regina S. W. T. Milling Company's mill recommenced operation a few days ago.  
A new course was put in position last month to operate McKay Bros. elevator at Weyburn, Ont.  
Ogilvie's elevator at Portage la Prairie has taken in upwards of 300,000 bushels of grain this season.  
R. M. Hubbard, of Orillia, has succeeded Messrs. Goodfellow & Houston in the Wroxeter, Ont., mill.  
Mr. Mitchell is putting up a new grist mill at Duck Lake, the scene of the memorable battle in the Northwest.  
Mr. Hugh Workman, of Lindsay, has built an oatmeal mill about a mile from the village of Minden, Ont.  
The new Buffalo elevators have made a substantial reduction in the cost of grain for local trade.  
The capacity of the Ottawa elevator at Beaman has been increased to 1,000,000 bushels.  
Mr. A. W. Wainwright, miller, will shortly commence the erection of a 250,000 bushel elevator at Dominion City, Man.  
The platform of the Progressive Labor party has been adopted by the Millers and Millwrights' Union of New York.  
Mr. Thomas Stokes has re-purchased the flour mill at Pefferlaw, Ont., and it is said intends to fit it up with modern machinery.  
The farmers' elevator at Portage la Prairie, Man., is completed and in operation under the management of Mr. H. S. Paterson.  
The C. P. R. Company is talking of erecting a grain elevator at Innesburg, and otherwise improving the shipping facilities.  
Mr. Baldwin, proprietor of the Aurora flouring mills, has been asked to furnish motive power to light factories and other places in the town with electricity.  
The C. P. R. Company will shortly build a new elevator with a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels and additional docks and warehouses at Owen Sound, Ont.

Wheat buyers and elevator men are having a lively time in Manitoba at present owing to the rapid delivery of grain.  
The Crystal City, Man., flour mill has been purchased by Mr. David Manson, of Portage la Prairie, who has put it in operation again.  
The mill to be erected by the Indian department for the Whitefish Lake Indians in the far Northwest, will not be proceeded with this fall.  
There will be about 350,000 bushels of wheat sold at Emerson this season, of which the Canadian Pacific Railroad will undoubtedly get half.  
The first shipment of Manitoba flour to China is said to have been favorably received. This is probably the beginning of an extensive trade.  
The engine in Robson & Valen's mill at Valens, Ont., broke down a few days ago, and the proprietors contemplate replacing it by a new one.  
Mr. John Robson has put a new Osborne-Killey engine into his mill at Brooklin, Ont. During a portion of the year the water power is insufficient.  
The Rockton, Ont., stone grist mill has been obliged to cease operations, owing, it is alleged, to the preference of the farmers for roller process flour.  
A farmer at Rapid City, Man., is said to have been offered from 50 cents to one dollar per bushel for his crop of wheat delivered at the town of Perth, Ont.  
There is talk of holding an exhibition of grain and roots at Winnipeg in November, and offering prizes to the amount of \$2,000 for best samples.  
The Ogilvie Milling Co., of Winnipeg, are about to ship a second consignment of flour to the East. The present shipment is destined for Hong Kong.  
The Rockton flour mills were offered for sale by auction last month, but the bids did not reach the upset price, consequently the mills were not sold.  
The management of the new Kewatin mill intend to manufacture their own barrels. To this end a shop capable of turning out 500 barrels daily will be put up.  
The schooner Jesse Search, of Toronto, bound from Chicago to Owen Sound with 25,000 bushels of corn, a few days ago sunk at anchor in Portage Harbor, Mich.  
A Millers' National Association has just been formed in France. A Millers' National Association might be a good thing in Canada if properly organized and managed.  
Manitoba needs more grain elevators. The present elevator capacity is only 1,000,000 bushels, while the grain to be handled amounts to about 10,000,000 bushels.  
The old Lawrie flour mills at Port Dalhousie, Ont., have recently been purchased by Messrs. Wood and Green, who are having them re-fitted prior to starting them in operation again.  
The flour mills of the Manitoba Milling & Brewing Co., at Carberry, Man., are reported to be running steadily day and night, grinding about 800 bushels of wheat every 24 hours.  
A spur line of railway is to be built in connection with the large flour mill at Blenheim, Ont. The owners supply the right of way and the ties, and the railway company supply and lay the rails.  
The foundation of the new mill at McGregor in the northwest has been completed, and work on the building is progressing rapidly. The mill is expected to be ready for operation in December.  
There is a partnership open for a man with \$5,000 to \$10,000 capital in one of the largest and best paying mills in Ontario. Any one interested in knowing more about it, may learn particulars at this office.  
Mr. Benjamin Summerfeldt has rented Ramsden's mill at Mount Albert, Ont. The name of Summerfeldt is well known in connection with the milling business in that locality, and should be a factor leading to success.  
Here is a hint for Canadian millers. W. A. Thoms, of Albyn, writes the *British Baker, Confectioner, and Pastrycook*, that "Next to Canada, Minneapolis sends out the dampest flour I know of from the American Continent."  
It is reported that Capt. McMillan, of Winnipeg, will commence the construction of a large elevator in West Lynne, Man., and finish it this season if the construction of the Red River Valley railway becomes an actuality.  
Mr. Armstrong, proprietor of the new flouring mill at Janetville, Ont., has rented the mills to Mr. Waddell, who is said to have a large experience in handling roller mills, and will, it is expected, give the Janetville mills a first-class reputation.  
Three hundred men are engaged in the erection of the large mill, elevator, etc. at Kewatin. The mason work is about finished on the mill, and is already completed on the elevator. Considerable progress has been made with the excavation of the mill race.  
The Prince Albert Milling Co. has been organized at Prince Albert, N. W. T. The capital stock of the company amounts to \$12,000, in 504 shares of \$25 each. Half the stock has been taken, and the intention is to erect a mill in that locality.  
The Millers' and Bakers' International Exhibition at Milan, Italy, occupies a space of about 20 acres, of which six are built over, the remainder being laid out in gardens. The exhibition is considered a financial success.  
A correspondent writing from Brownhill, Ont., says Mr. M. Knight is pushing forward the building of his new factory as fast as possible. The factory and engine room will be 30x90 feet of solid stone, with an iron roof. The new mill will be nearly the same size.  
It is understood that the new joint stock company of oatmeal millers, with the view of limiting production and endeavoring to put the manufacture of oatmeal on a fairly profitable basis, have leased a number of oatmeal mills throughout the country and will close them up, hoping to realize enough from the increased profits to pay the rent of these mills and allow a fair margin of profit.

The work of changing McCabe's mill at Port Hope to the roller process has been commenced. The old machinery has been taken out, and an additional storey is being placed on the building. Modern machinery will be put in as soon as the building can be got ready for it.  
The Federal and Merchants' Banks, which are financially interested in the unfinished grist mill at Birle, Man., have offered to sell it to the town so that it may be offered as a bonus to any one willing to fit it up with roller process machinery. The town will act on the proposal.  
The exports of American breadstuffs to Great Britain, since the beginning of the present year have more than doubled those of last year, and comprise 73 per cent. of all the wheat and flour imported into the United Kingdom. Prussian and Indian wheat exports have fallen off.  
Indignation meetings have been held at Orangeville by the farmers of that locality to protest against the action of the grain buyers in bringing to bear the standard weight test. The discontented farmers are taking their grain to Shelburne, where the test has not yet been adopted.  
The C. P. R. Company are reported to have made a reduction of 5 cents per 100 pounds in rates on wheat shipped from any point on their lines to Montreal. The Manitoba and Northwestern road has made a similar reduction. In consequence of these reductions it is believed wheat prices will go up.  
Letters patent have been issued incorporating H. V. Sutton Moore, of Norwich, County Oxford; James Muirhead, of London; Thomas Martin, of Mount Forest; Edwin J. Tillson, of Tilsonburg; James Douglas Moore, of St. Marys; and others, as the Canada Oatmeal Company, limited, with a capital of \$30,000.  
Mr. McGowan has been granted a bonus of \$3,000 by the ratepayers of the village of Durham, Ont., to assist him in erecting a new roller flour mill at that place. The mill will be a four storey brick building, and will have a capacity of not less than 75 barrels per day. Work on the mill will be commenced immediately.  
The milling industry in Italy employs about 17,000 horse power, of which only about 15,000 would be water power, and about 70,000 hands are engaged in it. Up to 1883 about 600 pairs of rolling cylinders were in use, but since then a great addition has been made to them. The small mills are gradually disappearing.  
Mr. F. Holland, who has been in the milling business at Mitchell, Ont., for something like a quarter of a century, has removed to Ingersoll, Ont., where he has rented a mill. Much regret is expressed at his departure from Mitchell, the citizens of which place have nothing but the kindest wishes for his future prosperity.  
The W. J. Cochrane Roller Mill Supply Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$150,000. The incorporators are W. J. Cochrane, of Washington, D. C.; Joseph Simpson, Charles Riordan and H. H. Fuller, of Toronto, and J. W. Nesbit, of Hamilton. The headquarters of the company will be in Hamilton.  
It has been asserted and denied that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have not sufficient facilities for moving the grain of the Northwest as rapidly as it is marketed. The Canadian Pacific Company are turning out five freight cars daily from the car works at Perth to supply the demand for cars on the western division of the road for moving grain from the west.  
The Chicago Board of Underwriters recently fixed the insurance rate on grain cargoes for Montreal at \$1.50 while the rate to Buffalo was placed at only 70 cents. This unfair discrimination has led the management of the merchants' line of Canadian passenger propellers to withdraw from the Chicago and Montreal route, and employ their boats during the balance of the season in carrying wheat from Duluth to Canadian ports.  
In a memorandum relating to competition between American and Indian wheat, Mr. Smeaton, director of agriculture for Northwest India, says if it were not for burdensome freight charges, India could force America to pull down her tariff wall and admit the products of British industry. Mr. Smeaton will find few people to concur in his opinion that Indian wheat is the equal of American wheat in quality. If it were, there would be no talk of syndicates being formed in England to purchase Manitoba hard wheat.  
It is estimated that wheat shipped from Atlantic ports to England absorbs 1.67 per cent. in moisture during the voyage, from Pacific ports 2 per cent., from Australian ports 2 per cent., and Hungarian flour 1.67 per cent. Indian and Persian wheats are estimated to absorb about 2 per cent. The average normal extent of moisture in Australian, Californian and Chilean wheats is 9 to 9 1/2 per cent., and of American spring and winter wheats 10 per cent.  
Our Montreal contemporary, the *Journal of Commerce*, points out the great danger of destruction by fire to which grain warehouses are subject, most of them being placed close beside the railway tracks and constantly within reach of the sparks of passing locomotives, and suggests as a means of protection, the saturating of the outside of such buildings with a wash composed of one bushel of quick lime and one peck of salt reduced by water to the consistency of milk, and applied say every spring and fall.  
Says the *Dundas Banner*: "The *Banner* heard a good suggestion about what would be good for business in Dundas, the other evening. It was that a large well equipped roller flour and grist mill would bring more farmers and more trade to the town, and be worth more good hard money to merchants than the industry the town is losing. It was also hinted that it was not very improbable that before long the Wentworth Mills would be fitted up to fill the bill in this particular. We hope so, and the sooner the better."  
The *Milling World*, of Buffalo, says Canadian millers are beginning to look at the Commercial Union question in the true light. They have only to look at the vast exports of breadstuffs from the United States to be convinced that the States can offer no considerable market for the breadstuffs of any other country. If the Canadian wheat were far better and far cheaper than that grown in the States, the Canadians might hope to push some of it into the States markets under free trade. As it is neither cheaper