

To Whom It Concerns.

I ordered my tow mills all over Dakota closed on account of the scarcity of flax straw, compared with the large expenses of running the mills. No mill ever pays expenses unless from a thousand to fifteen hundred tons of straw can be bought. I spent \$20,000 during the last two years on my five Dakota mills, on which I have recovered nothing, because of the panic and that little mills grow up all over Dakota and Minnesota; who, seduced by speculators, built their mills, but find no market for the tow; hence are forced to sell the stuff for less than it cost. At Cooperstown only about 300 tons of straw has been delivered, although I assured farmers of \$2 a ton. This, connected with bad weather during which unsalable tow was made, in spite of many hundred dollars for new boiler and machinery, I put into Cooperstown mill. I ordered the mill closed until early spring and better weather, when the mill will be opened and the straw will be worked up and good straw will be bought at two dollars a ton.

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