

The owners and manager of the Cooperstown, Ameina and Aneta Tow Mills, desire to announce to the flax raisers that when 800 tons of straw have been hauled in and stacked in each mill yard, no more straw will be bought for a few weeks, but buying will be resumed later on. The reason for this is that we desire to avoid such a large loss by fire, should fire happen to break out, as has occurred at so many tow Mills. In very recent years a fire at Mayville destroyed 4000 tons of straw, the mill itself and 15 cars of tow. Fire at Finley, N. D., destroyed the mill and 3000 tons of straw and at Sheldon, N. D., the same, while a fire at Decorah, Ia., a few days ago burned 700 tons of fine straw. As we can get no insurance on mills or straw we do not want to take the chances of risking such a tremendous loss by fire. By straw coming in for a short time, we will be able to reduce the amount of straw on hand in the stack and make room for another 800 tons when we will again buy another 800 tons of good flax straw at each mill this season and will pay for each load as before and all those leaving straw to haul will have a chance to bring it in. We announce our plan publicly through local papers so there will be no misunderstanding when buying stops. All those who have straw to haul are cordially invited to come to the mill and see the manager or foreman before hauling straw. We have had trouble with poor weedy straw and would ask those having straw to sell to bring in a sample before hauling.

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