

Red River Rolling ^{er} Mills Co. Aug. 16, 1894

A document of this date gives data on Fergus Falls, the several flouring mills ("Ottertail", "Fergus," &c) the dams on the Ottertail River, use of waterpower, the streams, ponds, lakes, elevators, etc. The RRR mill was 22 years old at this time, built by H. G. Page; capacity of Fergus Mill, 300 bbls. daily; Ottertail Mill Co. 200 bbls; A. H. Kirk, 140 bbls. The two Tod brothers, James S. and Andrew G., lost money for the RRR Mills after arriving from Scotland, for they did not understand the business. Then the mill remained idle about 5 yrs., when a man named Featherston ran it as a grist mill. From Nov., 1890 to July, 1891 it was idle again; then Barclay took hold and is said to have made

made money, especially the first two yrs., running the mills day and night. Since Dec., 1893 mill has run only daytime. It was shut down Aug. 16, 1894, when Barclay vacated. The trade of the mills was good with the farmers, for flour; splendid demand for feed; couldn't supply all the shorts wanted; shipped some bran.

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