



Typical Steam Flour Mill

Fire at the Mill

Early yesterday morning an alarming fore broke out at the residence of Mr. S. Jones, Stratton St. Margaret Steam Flour Mills. Mr. Jones was awakened by a strong glare of light at the bedroom window shortly after one o'clock, and on looking out he found the stores and stables at the back to be in flames. The whole communicated with the house.

The fire was discovered at the same time by neighbours, and plenty of willing assistance was at once rendered, the fire brigade at Swindon being sent for.

There was no chance from the first of saving the premises attacked, the roof soon falling in, but by removing a portion of the roof of the kitchens the dwelling house was fortunately saved. The horses had fortunately been turned out in the fields, but a couple of cats and some fowls are known to have lost their lives.

A large quantity of harness and implements have also been burnt, and a number of bags of flour destroyed.

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