MOHAWK NATION OF GRAND RIVER

The Mill

An economy from one bushel: the mill the Crown promised, the mill that was, and the Mohawk Mill to come.

The mill’s foundation on the Grand; the mill in eight lines; the ladder of a bushel



The mill’s stone foundation on the steep bank at the end of Mohawk Street, the race water running down to the river, people fishing at the water’s edge, and the trail along the top with walkers and a dog. From Book IX.

THE MILL, AND A FIRST MILL IN NUMBERS

- **The promise.** A church, a school and a mill: the mill was the economy, grain into flour, logs into boards, work into wages.
- **The King’s Mill.** A double mill, grist and saw, promised by Haldimand; grinding by 1796; burnt by accident by 1815. Its foundation lies at the end of Mohawk Street.
- **The Mohawk Mill.** Stone-ground flour, Haudenosaunee white corn meal, feed, and in time boards.
- **Mohawk Milled.** One mark from the stone to the sandwich: the flour, the white corn meal, the bread, the cornbread and the sandwich, drawn on the left; every bag with its Record Code.

500 kg — *of flour a day*

58 acres — *of wheat to grow it*

4 people — *at the mill, and more up the ladder*

$150,000 — *and up, to start (illustrative)*

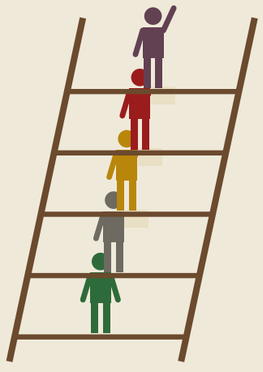
AT A GLANCE

Promised	1784–85: a saw mill and a grist mill
Running	by 29 June 1796, the King’s Mill
Lost	by 1815, burnt by accident
The site	the end of Mohawk Street, by the river
A year	125 tonnes, at 500 kg a day
To start	$150,000 to $340,000
White corn	the Nation’s own grain
The bag	2.5 kg, with its Record Code

HOW A MILL WORKS

The race brings the river to the wheel; **the wheel** turns the shaft; **the stones** grind the grain fed from the hopper; **the bolter** sifts it fine; the tailrace returns the water below the fall. The King’s Mill was a double mill: the same wheel drove a sash saw, a blade drawn up and down through the log, for the village’s boards.

THE LADDER OF A BUSHEL



one bushel, five pairs of hands; illustrative values, Ontario, 2026

Make — the café makes some 300 sandwiches — **$2,400** *by the sandwich*

Sell — the shop sells the bread — **$300** *at the counter*

Bake — the baker makes some 60 loaves — **$240** *as bread, by the loaf*

Grind — the mill grinds it into flour — **$50** *as flour, by the bag*

Grow — the farmer grows a bushel, 60 lb — **$9** *farm gate*

From Book IX, The Mill; the companion posters are The Royal Chapel and The School, the other two promises.

Values on the ladder and the first mill’s figures are illustrative, at 2026 Ontario prices. Sources: the federal plaque on the chapel’s bell house; the Secretariat’s own plan.

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