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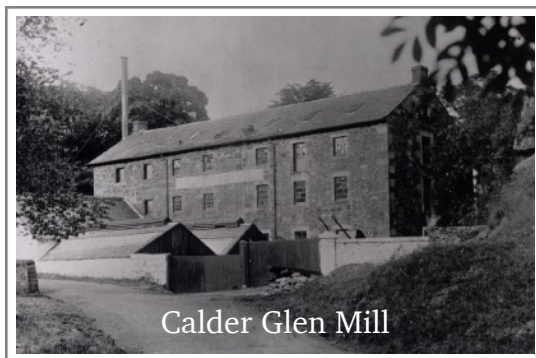
VISIT TO CALDER GLEN LAUNDRY

LOCHWINNOCH. Dec. 21 1888

MR ROBERT WILLIAMSON OWNER

It is on the banks of the Calder burn, and away from what smoke there is even in the cleanly little village of Lochwinnoch.

The place is every way fitly chosen for the purposes of a good laundry, and on entering we found an air of cleanliness about all apartments of the large building, and about the girls and other persons employed in it, that was in keeping with the freshness of the outward scene.



In company with Mr Williamson, we made a hurried run over the premises. Those who have seen nothing larger than their own little kitchen laundry, may be interested if we give them a rough idea of what a large factory of this description is like. In the present instance, two large buildings - one of three stories, the other four stories, besides out-houses, are used in the work of the laundry.



Part of the Wall of the building that stood opposite Calder Glen Mill and used as part of the Laundry,



A Wide angle Photo of the above building



Waterwheel
The iron remains of the waterwheel of Calder Glen Mill

1902

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE TOOK PLACE IN THE LAUNDRY AT LOCHWINNOCH BELONGING TO ROBERT WILLIAMSON

1903

THE CALDER GLEN MILL TO LET, FOR SUCH TERM OF YEARS AS MAY BE AGREED UPON, WITH ENTRY AT WHITSUNDAY 1903.

1904

The new Calder Glen Laundry was opened for business on Monday morning. In the interests of the village we trust the venture will be crowned with success.

DASH WHEELS AND WASHING MACHINES

There are several large boilers, steeps, &c., all arranged with a view to turn out a large quantity of goods with expedition.

STARCHING

This is a most interesting process. While looking on we were much astonished at the rapidity with which this operation was carried through.

THE WHOLE PROCESS

Gone through is something like this:—The goods, having been received direct from the warehouse, are checked, and instructions given as to the finishing; then they are passed on to the washing process; after which they are separated and sent to the stove to dry; then prepared for dressing. In

THE DRESSING ROOM

A large number of young women were at work—each at her own bench, or ironing -board, with iron in hand.

POLISHING

That seemed to us one of the most interesting and mysterious part of the operations, was that of polishing. Two strong young men were making their arms wave at a rapid rate, and manipulating most dexterously irons with two handles.

TICKET OFFICE.

At the end of the room is the office of the ticket clerk, who gives out and receives work—examining each article as it is returned.

PACKING ROOM

There each order is carefully selected from the other, and all of a certain number and size put together and despatched.

The full newspaper article goes into a lot more detail and can be found [here](#)

Articles on the old Mills and Factories can be found [here](#)

1871

HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock, and shortly afterwards the House was summoned by the Black Rod to the House of Lords for the purpose of hearing the royal assent given to sundry bills.

Mr Finnie presented a petition from the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Beith, Kilbirnie, Lochwinnoch, North Ayrshire, against the recognition of the King of Italy and occupation of the States of the Church by his troops.