

Boomer Letter  
(1868)

**LETTER FROM LINWOOD.**

DEAR Sir,—Allow me through the medium of your widely circulated Journal to correct a report that has gained currency through the country, and which seems calculated to damage for a time at least the business of this Village, as many persons have already in consequence been deterred from coming to the place.

I refer to the rumour that "Typhoid Fever is raging in the Village," &c. I have to say that since the first of November last, there have been not more than four distinct cases, two of which are now convalescent, and hopes are entertained of the others. The former have been successfully treated by Dr. Lount, of the Village of Hawkville, and the latter are under the care of Dr. Vardon and Lount respectively; there have been some cases of the Lung, Bowel complaint, &c, otherwise the Village is in a most healthy state. I think the alarm has been occasioned through a meeting which was held some ten days ago, at the Commercial Hotel, to consider the case of a poor man afflicted with this complaint and to tender such relief as might be considered necessary, the result of which was that a very handsome sum was subscribed and paid, and a man employed to wait upon and look after the wants of his family. Medical men do not look upon this fever as very contagious, and there appears to be no occasion for alarm. Indeed thus far only one of those who have waited upon and nursed the sick have been affected by the contagion, it seems to be more epidemic than contagious in its nature.

By giving the above a place in your columns, you will confer a favour.

Yours, &c.

A. BOOMER.

Linwood, Jan. 14, 1868.

Waterloo Chronicle January 1868

# FARM FOR SALE.

THE subscriber being compelled by ill health to retire from farming, offers for sale his Farm, consisting of nearly 100 acres, 70 acres of which are cleared and in a good state of cultivation, the farm is situated at the Village of Linwood, Township of Wellesley. A few Village lots have been sold and large buildings erected thereon, leaving some twenty eligibly situated Village Lots still for sale, which will be sold either separately or with the farm. The land is of good quality and in a good state of cultivation and will be sold cheap with easy terms of payment. For further particulars apply at once on the premises to

WM. OVENS,  
Proprietor.  
555—St

Linwood, Oct. 13th, 1868.

## ELOPEMENT.

### A Newly Married Man Runs Away With a Widow.

The following account of an elopement from Goldstone, Wellington County, Ontario, is from the Guelph Herald of October 31st:

Mrs. Mary Scott, relict of James Scott, formerly of Linwood, a widow, fair, fat, and forty, had, for two years, been receiving addresses from John Barkwell, a farmer near this village, the avowed object of such attentions being matrimony. John had, on his bended knees, and with his right hand on his vest watch pocket, promised to marry his Mary, but on account of the opposition of his friends the union was indefinitely deferred. But he asked her to become his house-keeper, which she did. The avowed object of this maneuver was that his friends would cease their opposition to the marriage. Mary kept house for John all summer, and things seemed to be going on with all the smoothness possible.

In the latter part of August Mary went to Linwood to visit her friends, and the perfidious lover, taking advantage of her temporary absence, hid himself down to Garafraka, where a slight girl of seventeen, who had formerly been his housekeeper, resided. John forgot he was forty-two years old, and that the slight young lady was only seventeen, and he up and married her, *et cetera*.

But Mary didn't give up the ship thus easily. She followed him perseveringly night and day, the great love of her great woman's heart—carrying her on in the furtherance of her object. The grand result of Mary's determination, perseverance and love for John, was this: On Saturday morning, 20th instant, John and Mary packed their Saratogas; he bade a tender adieu to his young wife, his seven children, his fine farm, which is well stocked and clear of debt; she folded her four children to her bosom for the last time, and they were

Off on the morning train—  
This eloping twain.  
Never, never, never, never,  
Never to come back again.

Detroit, Michigan, was the destination of the runaway pair, and on arriving there John wrote to his father, to say that he had left for good, but gave not the reason why. He is probably at Detroit still, enjoying the society of the remarkable woman who seduced him into the fatal step, which will blight the happiness of both for a lifetime.

John Barkwell was a prominent church member, and had, through his conduct and deportment, won the respect and confidence of his brethren in the church. He was much respected by his neighbors, and his rash act has thrown a large circle of friends into the deepest distress.

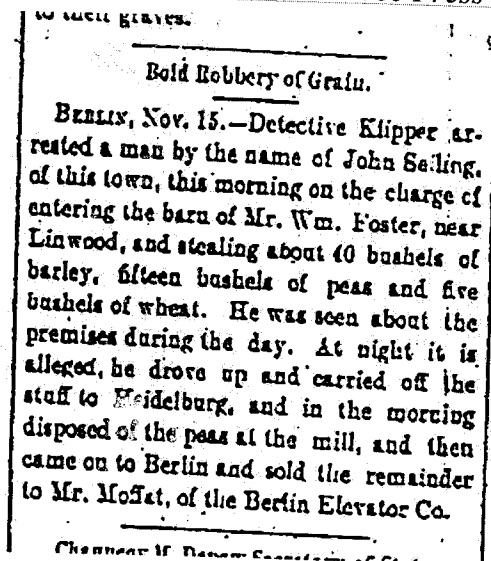
**FUR TRIMMINGS**—Riddle Bros. have some special and seasonable announcements relative to fur trimmings in another portion of **THE FREE PRESS.**



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**Bold Robbery of Grain.**

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Detective Klipper arrested a man by the name of John Seiling, of this town, this morning on the charge of entering the barn of Mr. Wm. Foster, near Linwood, and stealing about 40 bushels of barley, fifteen bushels of peas and five bushels of wheat. He was seen about the premises during the day. At night it is alleged, he drove up and carried off the stuff to Heidelberg, and in the morning disposed of the peas at the mill, and then came on to Berlin and sold the remainder to Mr. Moffat, of the Berlin Elevator Co.

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## Linwood.

Last Saturday morning the dwelling house of Mr. D. M. Williams, harness-maker of this place, together with nearly all its contents, was destroyed by fire. The fire started in the woodshed and made such headway that when it was discovered it left the family scarcely enough time to escape from the building. A neighbor's, Mr. Barle's house, also caught fire and damage amounting to about \$50 was done to it. The latter gentleman's loss is covered by insurance in the Berlin Economical Insurance Co. Mr. Williams has \$100 insurance on his house in the same company and \$600 on his furniture, etc., in the Waterloo Mutual, so that his loss will not be so great. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Boomer family is in luck. Mr. Boomer has just been informed that an estate of great value in Nova Scotia has descended to the Boomer family. The estate is said to comprise 1000 acres of land lying adjacent to one of the Principal cities and is therefore now very valuable.

Mr. B's grandfather was an Englishman and appears to have disposed of the land in that country style of 99 year leases, these are said now to have expired and the occupant want to get titles. The matter is being investigated and very little doubt is expressed as to the correctness of the information — *Berlin News.*

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