

COPPER CLIFF.

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On Wednesday, Oct. 30th, Miss Howitt, of this place, sent word to Mr. Souter informing him that she wished to converse with him on business pertaining to the Board of Health Department, of which he is a member. In due course Mr. Souter called as requested, accompanied by his dog (note the latter came without invitation.) Now, as luck will happen, Miss Howitt owns a dog, "Beaver" by name, and whilst discussing her business with Mr. Souter, the two canine pets thought it a fit opportunity to cause a racket, and as a natural outcome, engaged in combat on Miss Howitt's premises. Mr. Souter, who is a brave man, undertook to separate the combatants and during the process was bitten by one of the dogs. He claims it was "Beaver," and consequently called upon "Beaver's" owner to have the dog shot. The request was emphatically refused, and Mr. Souter declared he would take recourse to law. On Saturday the 2nd inst., at the Court House, Copper Cliff, before Messrs. G. J. Oliver and T. J. Ryan, Miss Howitt appeared to answer to the charge of keeping "a furious dog near a public highway." It was apparent that the plaintiff (Mr. Souter) thought that the case would go entirely in his favor, so in place of putting in his appearance to prosecute his charge against the defendant, he took a business trip to the Soo, and, as there were several witnesses present for the defence and none for the prosecution, the J. P.'s were, on the recommendation of Mr. Clary, who acted in behalf of Miss Howitt, persuaded to dismiss the case and grant costs against the plaintiff. There were grave doubts at first in the minds of the Copper Cliff public as to whether Mr. Souter was badly injured, but these were laid at rest when it was found that between the fatal days, Oct. 30th and Nov. 2nd, Mr. Souter was able to dance the Highland fling in his regular first-class style.