

# Don't tread lightly when it comes to buying laminate flooring

A floor is like a car — eventually it needs to be replaced; or you just want something new to help you create a different look in your home.

There are more choices today than ever: from sheet vinyl to traditional hardwood, to engineered floors (laminate, hardwood, linoleum, cork) that just click together and "float" right over your old floor, staying in place by sheer pressure.

One of the most popular products today is laminates. You can find everything from laminate floors that look like terracotta, to rich oak hardwood with textured surfaces resembling wood grains. Laminates look great and are easy to look after with vacuuming or dust mopping.

Maybe you've asked friends and neighbours what kind of floor they bought — and they told you never to buy laminate. But not all laminates are created equal!

Prices for laminates can range anywhere from 99 cents per square foot for glue-down flooring, to \$6 per square foot for a STEPS™ Uniclic® floating floor that simply clicks together. It depends on where you buy your floor, what you want, and what you're willing to live with.

An engineered STEPS™ Uniclic® laminate floating floor, for example, is more of an investment than a less expensive laminate tile floor but, as

with anything, you get what you pay for. These floors have a realistic wood look once they're down, because plank lengths aren't uniform — there are both short and long planks. Shuffling planks before installing them helps give a more random look. And planks even have a textured surface resembling wood grain, as well as bevelled edges, that add to the appearance of individual wood boards.

Laminate floors that aren't made with such attention to detail may not yield the look you were hoping to achieve in your room — and leave you feeling jaded about laminates.

Several flooring companies in Canada market Uniclic floors®, but the most innovative one is probably Mississauga, Ont.,-based TORLYS (www.torlys.com), which offers a wide range of STEPS™ Uniclic® Laminate floors as well as cork, hardwood and linoleum Uniclic floors under its TORLYS Uniclic brand.

A premium engineered laminate floor means guaranteed high-quality construction, durability and a long-term warranty— 25 years— that altogether will give you peace of mind about making a big investment you'll be happy about living on in your home every day, for many years.

—By Dean Askin, News Canada



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Miss: 4 bdrm, 4 WR, 2 kit, fin bsmt walk-out, S of 401, W of Hwy 10. Landscaped. Private, fenced yd. Park 5. Large deck. Rec rm with walk-out to enclosed patio area. In-law potential. \$349,900

**NEW**



Georgetown: 180 Mountainview South



**Swim-in Pond**

Attractive, renovated & brilliantly transformed into a classic home with covered front porch & 2+ car insulated garage with work bench area. 60' lot. 5 bdrms, MF family rm, formal LR

& DR, finished rec room. Recent improvements: covered verandah; 2+ car insulated garage with workbench area; wrought iron & wood privacy fences; new windows; vinyl siding; rear patio, landscaping; furnace, HWT, WSft; brdrm; kitchen; refinished hardwood; 2 pc; bsmt shower, etc. Near Silver Creek. Minutes to Hwys 401 & 407. \$337,900

**NEW**




East Garafraxa: 5bdrms, 50 acres

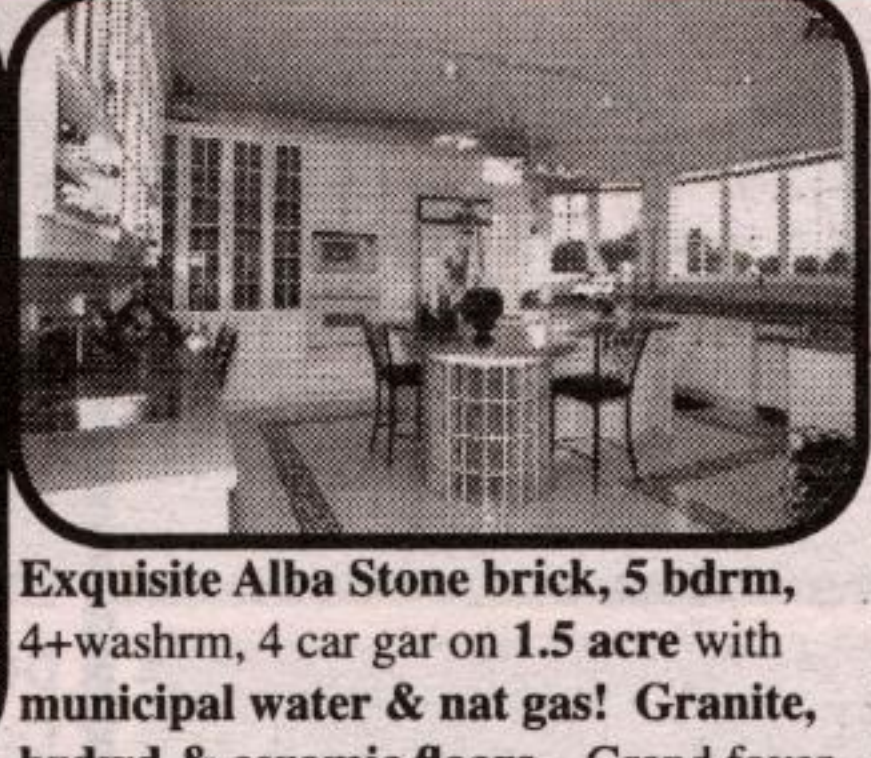


Fabulous Owen Sound ledge rock & brick home on ~50 ac overlooking pond & hills to West. Large foyer; high ceilings; huge Family rm with FP & walk-out to large deck; LR(den)

with FP & walk-out; formal DR; 5 bdrms (2 with ensuites); 5 washrooms (2 with whirl tubs); library & 2 finished recreation rooms. 3 car gar & 2 bdrms built with insulated concrete forms & radiant heat. Black Walnut trees on 30 ac at the rear. Swim-in pond. Min to: grade school in Marsville, Belwood Lake, Hillsburgh & all amenities in Orangeville. \$749,000



Inglewood, Caledon: 5bdrm, 1.5 acre



Exquisite Alba Stone brick, 5 bdrm, 4+ washrm, 4 car gar on 1.5 acre with municipal water & nat gas! Granite, hrdwd & ceramic floors. Grand foyer with granite floor & finely crafted solid

oak staircase w open risers & twin balconies spanning 3 floors. Open concept LR, raised piano conservatory & DR. Kitchen with large breakfast area o/l solarium & Family rm with coffered ceiling, wall of windows & gas FP. Huge MBR w opulent ensuite & w/o. Low "E" vinyl windows. 1000+ft TREX deck with spa. Gorgeous landscaping. Fab views. 20 min to airport.



Milton: 1ac, home, 2 car gar + shop



On quiet road S of Britannia near 401, 403, 407 & QEW. Well built, renovated, 4 bdrm, 3WR, builder's home with built-in garage; a det 2 car garage; smoke house & ~5 year old, 2

level, insulated, drywalled, partly heated (woodstove) shop (~30ft by ~60ft) with septic system, water, hydro, driveway, 2 man doors & a truck door. Magnificent mature trees & vegetable garden. North of Eglinton. Perfect location for quick access to Toronto. Country living in the city. Plenty of room for in-laws & nanny. Drive by. 5168-8th Line, Milton.

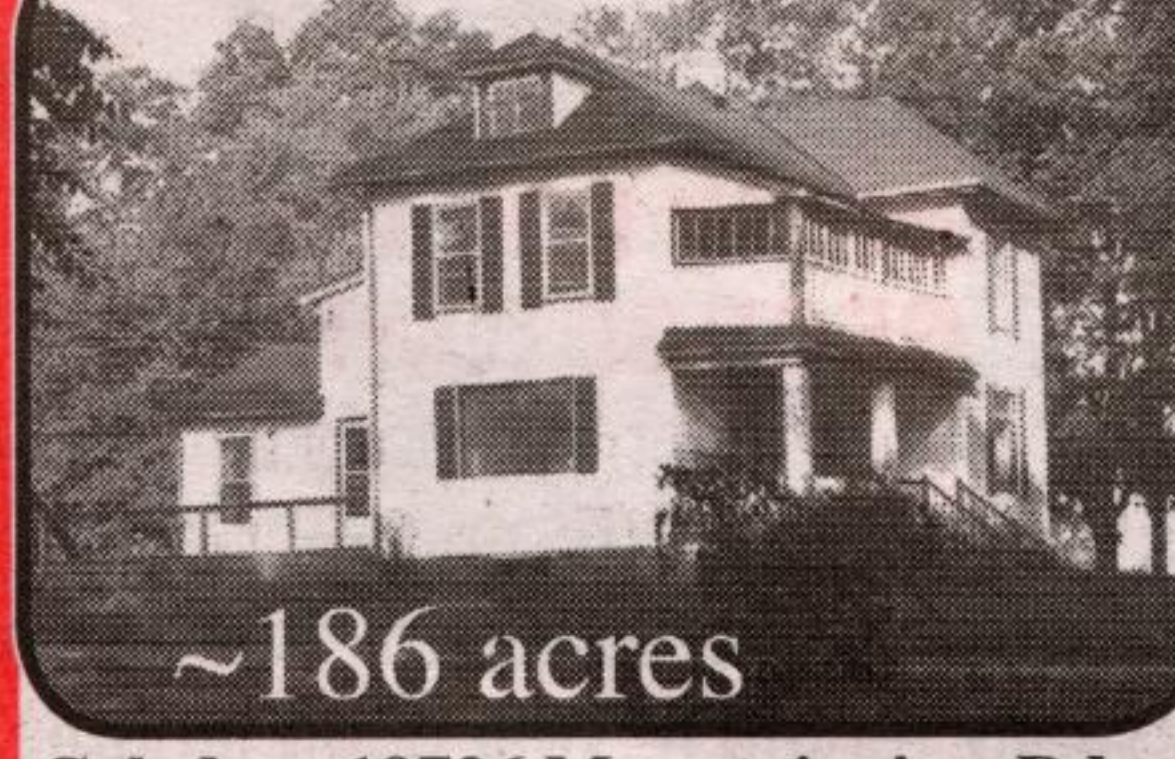


Erin: 90 ac farm (barn, pool, garage)

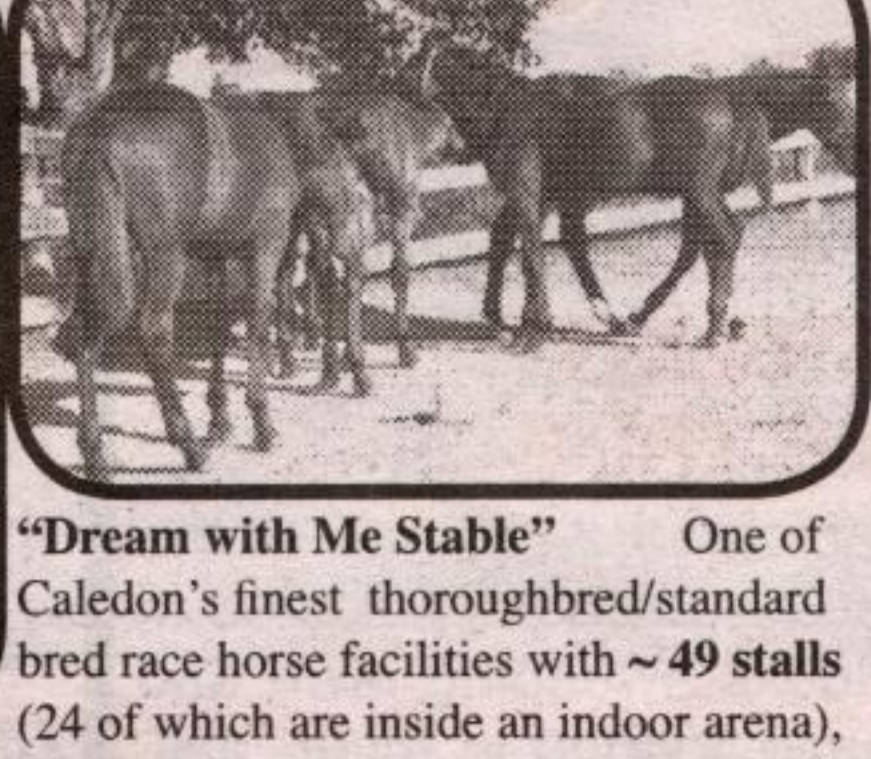


Picture perfect, REPRODUCTION!!! 4 bdrm, 3WR, "Early Canadiana" home o/l twin ponds, set far back from a quiet road on 90 rolling acres. ~25 ac of mixed bush with stand of

hardwood trees & ever flowing stream at the rear. Trails to a high ridge with panoramic views. Pine plank floors. New greenhouse kitchen o/l pool. Excellent well. Inground pool & cabana. Bank barn in excellent condition (recent floor & electrical) presently used for sheep. New 4 car garage. Near Ballinafad, less than 12 min to Georgetown GO




Caledon: 19726 Mountainview Rd. ~186 acres




"Dream with Me Stable" One of Caledon's finest thoroughbred/standard bred race horse facilities with ~49 stalls (24 of which are inside an indoor arena), 4 large barns & a new office/lab/breeding

barn. 3 tracks (5/8 mile oval thoroughbred track inside standard bred track & a 900 metre straight track with a slight rise), a 6 horse computerized walker/runner, many oak & electrical fenced paddocks, 2 wells, 3bdrm, 2x4pc house & 2 staff trailers. 2 road frontages. Gently rolling land with views. Mountainview Rd, S of Hwy 9, W of Airport.



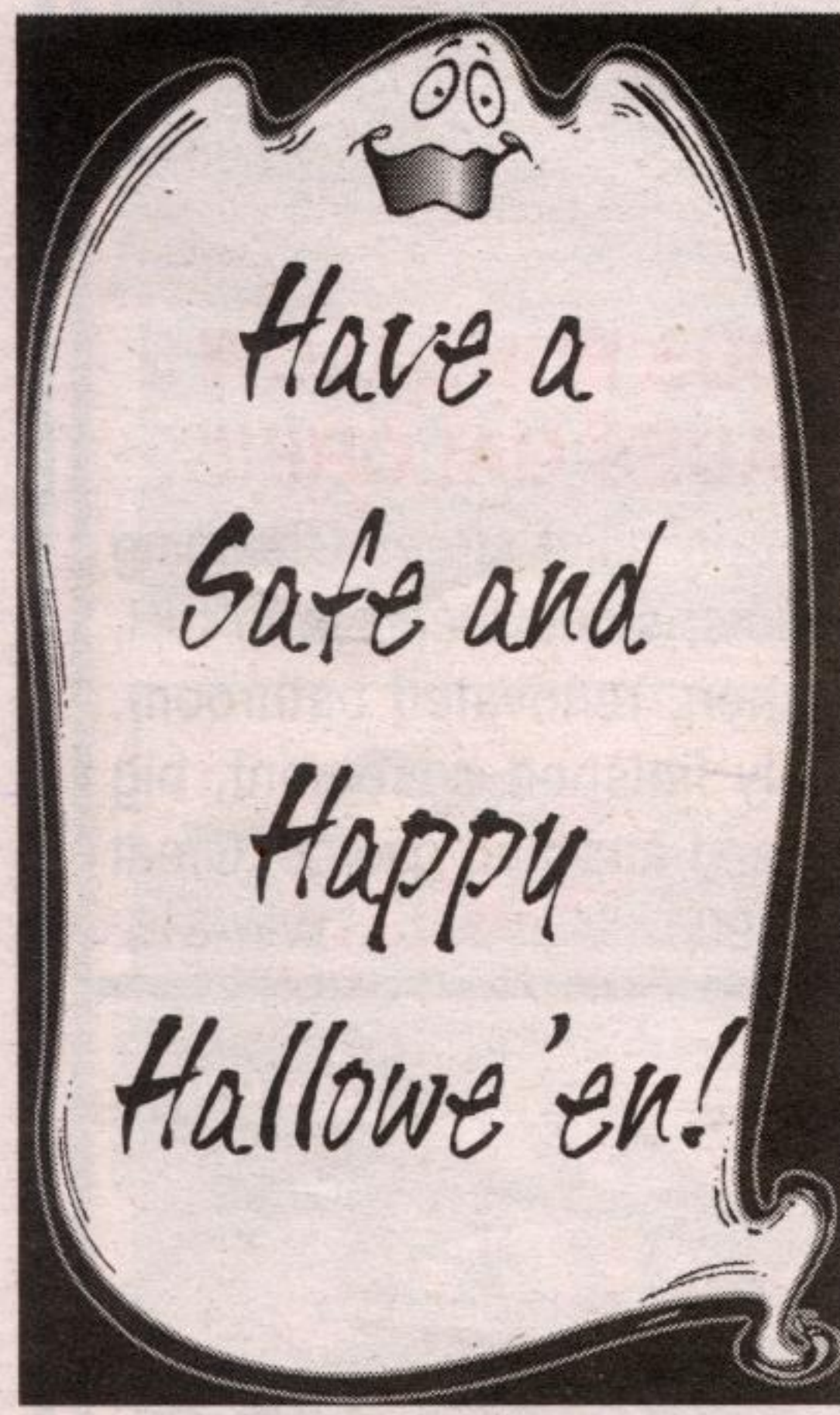
Erin: Industrial M1

Erin: 2 superior Hi-Teck industrial facilities, (130' x 80' & 40' x 80'), a total of 14,400 sq ft (~800 sq ft office) on 1.37 acres, zoned M1 with outside storage. ~30 min to Hwy 401. Crane rails for 3 ton cranes. Heated



with infrared natural gas radiant heat. Reinforced concrete floors. R20 in walls, R30 in roof. Fans. Mercury vapor lights. 16+ ft clear. 7 drive-in doors, 1 pick-up door, 6 man doors.

3 washrms. Lunch rm. 600 volts, 200 amps, 3 phase. Drilled well. Septic, 2002. Paved driveway & parking lot. Fully fenced. 2 gates. Security system. Heat sensors connected to cell & land phone. Vendor take back mortgage with 30% downpayment. Trafalgar Rd N, East on 17th SDRR, Erin, North side. Priced far below replacement cost. \$975K. Call Maureen.



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