

“A FIRM HAND”

BRISTOL DRIVERS SMARTLY FINED AT WARMINSTER

At the Warminster (Wilts) Petty Session yesterday, Ernest. W. Hough, Charminster Road, Fishponds, Bristol, who admitted the offence, was summoned for driving a motor-car in a manner dangerous to the public at Codford.

Supt. T. Barrett said the allegation was that the dangerous driving consisted of very bad “cutting in,” and this kind of thing was getting serious.

Bertram E. Phillips, Dinton House, Dinton, gave evidence, and in reply to Supt. Barrett, said there was only a matter of inches between defendant’s and his cars. Defendant was not driving fast,

William Wheeler, chauffeur to complainant, and George Hill, R.A.C., agreed that it was a very bad case.

Defendant, on oath, said he saw the car coming towards him, and he thought he was going to pull up. He blew his horn to the driver of a farm wagon, and he “gave a little,” and he admitted he “came round the wagon,” narrowly missing complainant’s car. He had been driving for about 21 years, had a clean licence, and drove about 30,000 miles every year. He thought complainant was going to pull up as he drew into his side of the road.

The Chairman of the Bench (Mr G. N. Temple) said this dangerous driving on the road must be put down with a firm hand. This was defendant’s first offence and he would have to pay a fine of £10 and special costs 16s. The Bench was much obliged to complainant for coming forward in the way he had. Defendant paid down £9, and was given time to pay the balance.

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William Wheeler, Chauffeur to Mr Bertram Philipps of Dinton