



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## *Hankerton*

### **Mr Wheeler of Hankerton**

On Saturday an inquiry was held at the Board room of the Malmesbury Union, before Mr Sylvester Browne, coroner for the division, as to the death of Mr Wheeler, a single man, aged 45, who was found with his throat cut at Hankerton, a village four miles from Malmesbury, on the previous Saturday, and who died on Thursday morning.

Mark Woodward, wheelwright, of Hankerton, said he lived near to the deceased, and on Saturday morning was called to the house about seven o'clock. The deceased, who lived alone, shouted to him from his bedroom window but witness could not make out any words. He went upstairs, and found deceased with his throat cut. The deceased was very low spirited at times, but they never had any reason to think he would try to destroy himself. Deceased was a very excitable person, and the least thing preyed on his mind. Witness found the razor produced in the bedroom. Dr Richard Kinnear, Malmesbury, medical officer to the union, said deceased was brought to his surgery on Saturday, and then taken to the union. Deceased had suffered from delusions and melancholia at times. Witness had attended him for depression.

A verdict of temporary insanity was returned.

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