



## Heavy Swine Fever Losses

### Farmer's Court Plea at Malmesbury

After having pleaded "guilty" to having removed a cart from premises infected with swine fever, William Henry Clark, of Abbey Mill, Malmesbury, was fined £2 by the local magistrates yesterday.

Inspector H. Edward told the court that Clark reported the death of some pigs at Abbey Mill on May 19, and as a result he (witness) served a statutory notice on Clark. On May 31 swine fever on the defendant's premises was confirmed, and on June 2 Inspector Edwards added he saw Clark leading a horse and cart in Abbey Row, Malmesbury.

In the cart were 11 pigs and when asked where the vehicle came from Clark admitted that he had taken it from the infected premises.

Asked for an explanation Clark replied "I have my living to get, and I have lost pounds over this already."

He told the magistrates that he had lost £47 15s. worth of pigs without compensation. He did not know that he had committed an offence.

The bench decided, in view of the fact that Clark had already suffered a heavy loss to impose only a small fine.

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