

WELLINGBOROUGH.

PRETTY SESSIONS, SEPTEMBER 15TH. — Present, W. M. Dolben, Esq., F. U. Sartoris, Esq., in the chair; and R. W. Arkwright, Esq.

Finedon.—Joseph York and Albert Bailey, lads of the above village, were summoned for stealing filberts, on the 10th inst., from the grounds of W. M. Dolben, Esq. Mr. Dolben retired during the hearing of this and the following case. From the evidence of Mr. G. Archer, head gardener to Mr. Dolben, and that of Thomas Claypole, it appeared that the defendants were caught stealing the filberts from the trees, and both admitted the charge.—Mr. Archer, on the part of the prosecutor, said that the practice of stealing filberts had got to such a pitch that it was felt necessary to make an example of the defendants. Boys, especially on Sundays, came in numbers, and committed these depredations. They had been taken before Mr. Dolben, and had been frequently forgiven, but it did not stop the thing. He did not ask for a large fine, as all that was wanted was to put a stop to the practice.—They were fined 1s. each, and 8s. each costs.

Finedon.—George Hawkes, Frank Drage, Allen Drage, Wilder Drage, and Walter Nichols, boys ranging from five to twelve years of age, were summoned for a similar offence, on the 9th instant, on the same premises, and were each fined 1s., and 8s. each costs.