

The expression used in the Rules is "weekly sittings," and in the margin "weekly court." See Rule 1276.

"Single court" is not expressive, like some slang terms. It leaves one in doubt what it means; "one-horse court" is far better, if we must have slang. It is like "trial judge," which has largely superseded "the judge at the trial," for which it is not an apparent equivalent, for it might be inferred that it meant a judge who was himself on trial—a sort of apprentice judge.

I OBJECT.

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Notes and Selections.

STATISTICS OF LITIGATION.—Perhaps the most striking fact quoted in Mr. John Macdonell's instructive "Statistics of Litigation" is that, while there were 75,458 writs issued in 1892 at the Central Office and the District Registries, the actual trials in Middlesex and London and at the Assizes were only 2,401. Here we have the automatic power of our law illustrated, and we may well be proud of it. It is not equally good hearing—at all events, to the lawyer—that thirty years ago there were 100,000 writs issued in the Queen's Bench to 45,000 to-day; nay, worse—only one person in 11,000 now goes to law, it seems, as against one in every 3,000 in 1823.

In those brave days our fathers
 Stood boldly for their law;
 They sued their writs, they filed their bills,
 They chuckled at "a flaw."
 They blenched not at the fluttering writ,
 Neat pleas and coy replies,
 They faced the attorney's bill of costs,
 They d——d a compromise.

Now law is to the Briton
 More hateful than a foe,
 He quails before the dreaded writ,
 He lets the judgment go;
 And arbitrators bungle,
 And honest law grows cold,
 And actions thrive not as they thrive
 In the brave days of old.

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