

The discussion on the above subject brings into prominence the free manner in which the sayings and doings of judges of the English Bench are criticised by the legal press. The Chief Justice, it appears, considers the Queen's Bench Division 'undermanned. Mr. Justice Lawrance, according to the *Law Times*, believes that the judges are, on an average, walking about Regent Street with their hands in their pockets, and does not seem to think a case should not find a jury to try it as soon as it is ready. The writer asks: "Why not? Does a man wait six months before he can find a dentist to relieve his toothache, or a surgeon to operate, or a telegram to send his message? Why is a law-suit alone, of all things in business and in life, supposed to be a matter to which immediate attention should not be given?" And he sees no objection to Mr. Justice Lawrance walking about Regent Street with his hands in his pockets if he so pleases. Again, our namesake takes Mr. Justice Phillimore to task for his occasional misapprehension of the functions of a judge. Some time ago this learned judge thought fit at the close of a civil case to express his disagreement with the verdict of the jury. He is now very properly taken to task for remarking, after a verdict of not guilty, that the jury had failed to understand the case, notwithstanding all that had been said to them, thus making an unjustifiable attack on the system of trial by jury, and setting up his own judgment as infallible, and casting a slur upon the prisoner whom the jury in the discharge of their legitimate functions had declared to be not guilty. Judges may not like such criticisms, but doubtless they tend to make them more careful in their utterances.

That the telephone accommodation furnished at Osgoode Hall is extremely unsatisfactory is only too notorious, and the commencement of the long vacation seems to be an appropriate time to draw attention to the manifold inconveniences which the profession will have to endure from this source during the coming juridical year, if some radical improvements are not effected. Not only is the number of telephones in the public room absurdly insufficient to satisfy the requirements of lawyers who need them during the busier hours of the day, but much unnecessary waste of time is caused by the fact that those who are engaged on the upper floors are obliged to go downstairs whenever they have occasion to use them. The valuable