

the best lexicographers a "jag" means "a small load," although in this part of the country the term is applied to quite a large load. He then goes on and finds that Shelley the poet first gave the word its modern application in the touching story of Alpheus and Arethusa, where he writes—

"And thus arose
From her couch of snows,
In the Anoroceranean Mountains;
From cloud and from crag,
With many a jag,
Shepherding her bright fountains."

And thus we learn that the fair Arethusa was not a member of the W. C. T. U., although it appears she should have been. Now that the origin of "jag" is known, people who speak the word again can do it with classical intelligence with a strong authority to prop them up.

If there is one thing more than another in this world that I enjoy it is a visit to the Parliament buildings when the House is in session. I like to see the members sit around with their feet on their desks, enjoying themselves, and some of them, in fact, monopolize the desks of the hon. members sitting to their right or to their left, all of which goes to show that the cares of state do not bear heavily upon them.

The debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne was decidedly warm. My good friend, the hon. member for West Kootenay, was brought to task by the Crown Lands Commissioner, for alleged inconsistency in charging the Government with incapacity in its treatment of the land question. Notwithstanding the excuses offered by the hon. Commissioner, there are many people who incline to the belief that the circumstances of the case full justify Mr. Kellie, and instead of coming off second best in the encounter with the hon. member who claims historic Clontarf as his birthplace, he is credited with having sustained his side of the question with better logic than that of the Commissioner of Crown Lands. One thing is certain, he is upheld by many people, who do not hesitate in saying that the Government has made a muddle of the legislation affecting lands.

Victoria will soon be well supplied with newspapers, if it is not already. I know nothing about the circumstances which have led to the establishment of

another newspaper in this city, nor do I want to know. Somehow or other, I take a great interest in the newspaper business, and during my sojourn "through this lonely vale of tears," I have assisted at the birth and been present at the obsequies of more than one journalistic venture which had for its object the "filling of a long felt want."

Of the paper which will make its appearance next Tuesday, I cannot speak, but I desire to make a few remarks concerning those we have already with us. The success of the Daily Colonist and Victoria Times, has, no doubt, led to the establishment of a third paper. But the causes which produced success in their case may not be found in the Daily News—I believe that is the name of the new paper. Messrs Templeman and Ellis, managers of the Times and Colonist, are practical printers, and thoroughly understand their business. Should a leakage occur in their establishments, they could in a moment locate it. This gives them a great advantage over men who practically do not know anything whatever about the printing business. The consequence is that both gentlemen can produce papers at far less expense than a man who has to pay for this experience. Many people wonder why it is that two papers the size and excellence of the Colonist and Times can be produced in a city of our population, while other cities in the east of five times the population, have papers which are not the equals in any respect of the two named above.

During my newspaper experience, I have never yet known of a successful newspaper which did not have for its manager a practical man. Of the new paper in this city, I do not know who will control its destiny. I am favorably disposed towards the new venture, and for that reason I give it the results of my experience gratis.

Speaking of newspapers, I am told that the circulation of the Times has been growing so much of late that the management is now putting in a press that will print 4,000 an hour, and weighs at least ten tons. This press, which is a Wharfedale, is the first two-feeder ever brought into this province. A 10 horse power engine is

being placed in position, to run the press. I congratulate the Times on this evident sign of prosperity.

The Colonist has found its present quarters too small for its constantly growing business, and an addition, which will increase its accommodation, is now being built. The composing and editorial rooms will be on the third floor. Other improvements are being made in British Columbia's pioneer newspaper, which will make it more than ever a welcome visitor to every household.



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