

position we recognize in the person of the member for Kingston. Although attached to his home, he will know how to derive intellectual benefit from travel, and being fond of children, he will excel in controlling and managing them. As he must necessarily suffer, both in body and mind, from the pestiferous atmosphere of the Legislative Hall, one may hope that he may enlighten the children around him who have hitherto been too much occupied with the claims of property and party to pay any attention to those of common sense, in relation to the air they breathe.

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No. XXI.

W. C. CALDWELL, ESQ.

The Legislative mushroom-plots of this Continent present some remarkable points of contrast with the mushroom of the fields; the vegetable product thrives on what may be termed corruption, whereas nothing of that character can be supposed to attach to an assembly of the people's own; the savour of the vegetable is agreeable; would that our experience of the gentlemen's gallery in the Ontarian Hall warranted our affirming as much of the mushrooms below. The vegetable is entirely innocent of that disorder of long standing, the insolence of office; they who sit within ear shot of the Provincial Secretary enjoy no such happy immunity. The above named mushroom-plots also present *points of comparison* with the vegetable; the necks of certain members seem to be as unbending as is that of the plant, and there appears to be reason to fear that that which the Parliamentary neck in such cases sustains, is of much the same nature as is that of the esculent vegetable. If the member for Lanark should ever find himself a listener in the British House of Commons, he will discover that mental qualities and attainments stand for something in that arena, regardless of the presence or absence of a balance at the banker's. We are confronted by presumably inherited lack of wisdom in the person of this honorable member, before proceeding to take his "soundings," for we perceive that his immediate progenitors were so indiscreet as to attach the initials "W. C." to his name; possibly they inhabited a region too obscure to involve their being acquainted with luxuries ordinarily indicated by those initials. Be that as it may however, we must proceed to drop the plummet on the honorable member, and to indicate the result. The result yields firmness, persistency, and financing ability, which will account for the hon. member's parliamentary position; it also yields secretiveness, mechanical skill, imitativeness, appreciation of fun, good memory for events, some power of observation, and good taste;