

ing, the administration of the criminal law will ere long become a perfect mockery. Trial by newspaper is not justice: it is the sacrifice of justice to sensationalism. It would be almost better to have prisoners tried with closed doors than to have the determination of their guilt or innocence dependent on the lurid account of trials furnished by hired scribes whose interest it is to distort and exaggerate everything that is said or that takes place in Court.

JUSTICE.

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*RE ONTARIO K.C. LIST.*

*To the Editor, CANADA LAW JOURNAL:*

DEAR SIR,—An amazing list certainly. Many are good men, and many were on the list issued by the Dominion Government (Conservative) in 1896, but which was cancelled by the Laurier Government. Some of the present list have not been ten years at the Bar, which has always been understood to be a requirement. Some names are positively objectionable. An analysis of the list shews that no proper care has been exercised in preparing it. It is said that it is no worse than the last list, but that does not excuse the present Government. Every Conservative member in the Dominion House who is a lawyer is appointed. There are included in the list a few Liberals, which looks well. The value of a K.C. is pretty well gone, thanks to the appointments made in recent years. The list as a whole is indefensible. The profession looks to you to protest against this kind of thing.

READER.