

and upright act into a false appearance, and then calling it a scandal. Their audacity is unparalleled; their mendacity unlimited. A falsehood disproved is immediately ignored, and a new one published instead. Such journals thrive on lies like hyenas or carrion. As shameless as they are mendacious, they brazenly assume that the public has not discovered their real character. It would be a revelation to go through their files for a series of years and list their unblushing falsehoods, fake news reports, and venomous attacks upon public men. To publish such lists would indelibly brand them as defamers by trade. America may be proud of the character and high grade of its best newspapers. It has too long tolerated the worst of them whose chief business is to deceive and debauch the people. They should be classified and listed as outlaws or pirates of the press."

Our readers can do their own classifying and listing of the newspapers in this country. As to this sort of literature, we are entirely too apt when looking across the border to say: "I thank Thee I am not as other men are, extortioners, etc." Rather let our neighbours say, "Physician, heal thyself." The Ontario black list has already got some familiar names on it, and others will soon be down to the standard referred to by our contemporary.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC JUSTICE.

It is refreshing to note that even the lay press of Toronto has lucid intervals in connection with this most important subject. We are glad to know that the real view of at least one of them is "that public confidence in the administration of public justice is of the very essence of loyal and stable citizenship, and is fundamental to happiness for the individual and freedom for the State. What is most worth while in civil liberty is gone when the people lose confidence in the inevitableness and strength and impartiality of public justice."

These are brave words, true and to the point, but they come too late and are too much at variance with other utterances of