

300 copies, or over 78 per cent. of the aggregate circulation of the State. The next largest total aggregate for each issue is that of Pennsylvania (1,701,250), and the next Massachusetts (1,214,124). The total circulation of all the dailies given in this work amounts to 2,406,226 copies, of the weeklies 9,426,342 copies, and of all publications 14,681,816 copies each issue, or 1,318,459,214 copies per annum.

A comparison between the aggregate circulation of all publications in each State and Province with its population (1870), shows that California issues 90 copies per annum for every individual on her census rolls, while New York and Massachusetts fall but little short of that number with an annual issue of 89 and 79 copies respectively. When the distance of California from the great newspaper centres of the East is considered, it will be seen that the local support which her publications receive is far better than a comparison with the averages of those States in near proximity to New York, Boston, or Philadelphia would indicate. At the other extreme we find that Newfoundland prints but two copies per annum for each individual, or one copy every six months. Florida and Arkansas do but little better, the former issuing 3 and the latter 4 copies per annum to each person. Of the 42 separate States and Provinces contained in this work, 11 issue less than 10 copies, 31 less than 25 copies, and 42 less than 50 copies per annum to each person, while in the whole of them combined the average number issued is 31. It will be interesting to note that a high average is always found in those States where a high standard of education and good order exists—a fact of no slight significance in estimating the influence of newspapers upon the government and education of the people. The table shows that one periodical of some kind is printed for every three persons. With five persons to each family this will prove one of two things, either that there is more than one paper regularly printed and sold for every family or that the circulations as given are too high.

In the territory allotted to each publication, British Columbia outstrips all competitors with an average area of 38,833 square miles—an area slightly exceeding that of the State of Virginia. In the Territories the average area for each publication is 7,443 square miles, in Nevada 4,339 square miles, while in the District of Columbia the minimum is reached with barely 2 square miles. In the New England States, the average area ranges from 23 square miles in Massachusetts to 442 in Maine, in the Middle States from 43 in New York to 88 in Delaware, in the Western States from 70 in Ohio to 4,339 in Nevada, in the Southern States from 95 in Maryland to 1,976 in Florida, and in the Dominion of Canada from 215 in Prince Edward Island to 38,833 in British Columbia.