

## WHERE ARE YOU?

THE Toronto Evening News has recently published the following from its Ottawa correspondent which will either please, amuse, disgust or inform in combination with pleasure, amusement or disgust:

Taking the last Auditor-General's report as a basis, the Roman Catholic religious organs received 70.6 per cent. of the total amount paid by the Government in way of patronage to religious papers in Canada, while the combined Protestant denominational papers only received 23.4 per cent. Classifying the different Protestant religious organs, according to the favors the Government had thus to bestow, the Baptist papers received 16.6 per cent.; Presbyterian papers, 3.4 per cent.; Methodist papers, 3 per cent., and Church of England papers the munificent proportion of one and a half per cent. In view of this disclosure is it a wonder that there should be a strong remonstrance from the Protestant section of the Dominion. But to look a little further into the Government's methods of distributing patronage: During our conversation the gentleman in question drew from his pocket an interesting little pamphlet which he informed me was a key to the manner in which the Government at Ottawa distributed its favor and patronage among its faithful organs. In fact it was a full record of the value the Government attached to each of the Conservative newspapers and periodicals or other journals which they thought merited a share of Government patronage in the way of advertising.

According to this mysterious little document there are three grades or classifications, and by the designating characters, "A," "B," and "C," is the importance of the paper in question gauged and the services it renders measured.

Class "A" is given as "A paper of first class standing, entitled to receive, at the discretion of the heads of departments, all kinds of advertising, whether of general character, such for instance as tenders for extensive public works or for supplies in large quantities, or of a local nature concerning only the locality in which such papers are published."

Class "B" "An influential and widely circulated paper, although not published in a very important centre, entitled at the discretion of the heads of departments to the largest portion of advertising of a provincial or local character and to a limited share of the more general advertising."

Class "C" "Purely local newspapers, daily or weekly, monthly or weekly periodicals and journals devoted to special branches of learning or industry, entitled only to purely local or special advertising, and that to a very limited proportion."

It is thus that the several papers that are entitled to receive Government patronage are graded, and if by their works we are to know them or are to measure the degree to which some of them have merited Government favors there are not a few who will be surprised to find how little importance is attached to the influence they can wield and how far down in the A. B. C. classification they have been scheduled.

Let us first look at the "A" grade and see who the deserving ones are. Daily newspapers, classification "A" Belleville Intelligencer, Brockville Times, Chatham Planet, Hamilton Spectator, Kingston News, London Free Press, Ottawa Citizen, Peterboro Review, Toronto Empire, Toronto World, Le Quotidien de Lévis, La Presse, Montreal, La Minerve, Montreal, Le Monde, Montreal, Gazette, Montreal, Star, Montreal, Le Courrier du Canada, Quebec; L'Evenement, Quebec; Le Matin,

Quebec; Herald, Halifax; Times, Moncton; Gazette, St. John; Sun, St. John; British Colonist, Victoria, B.C.; Examiner, Charlottetown; Herald, Calgary.

The weekly papers classified "A" are as follows: Dundas Star; Gazette, Sherbrooke; Le Pionnier, Sherbrooke; Le Courrier, St. Hyacinthe; News, St. Johns, Que., Standard, Pictou; Mail, Brandon; Le Manitoba, St. Boniface; Leader, Regina, tri-weekly.

"B" grade, dailies—News, Berlin; Courier, Brantford; Sentinel, Port Arthur; Times, St. Thomas; Herald, Stratford; Morning Chronicle, Quebec; Free Press, Nanaimo; British Columbian, New Westminster; News Advertiser, Vancouver; World, Vancouver; Guardian, Charlottetown; Tribune, Calgary; Standard, Regina.

The weekly and semi and tri-weekly papers graded "B" are as follows: Times, Almonte; Leader, Amherstburg; Deutsche Zeitung, Berlin; Monitor, Brockville; Central Canadian, Carleton Place; Sentinel-Star, Cobourg; Standard, Cornwall; Journal, Gananoque; Star, Goderich; Victoria Warder, Lindsay; Courier, Morrisburg; Beaver, Napanee; Record, Niagara Falls; Vindicator, Oshawa; United Canada, Ottawa; Times, Owen Sound; Sun, Owen Sound; Standard, Pembroke; Expositor, Perth; Maple Leaf, Port Dover; Sarnia Canadian, Sarnia; Algoma Pioneer, Sault Ste. Marie; British Canadian, Simcoe; Catholic Review (now Register), Toronto; Orange Sentinel, Toronto; Glocke, Walkerton; Canadischer Bauernfreund, Waterloo; Journal, Westport; Telegraph, Welland; Essex Review, Windsor; Times, Woodstock; Times, Bedford, Que.; La Gazette, Johette; Watchman, Lachute, Le Moniteur du Commerce, Montreal; Le Trait d'Union, Montreal; Journal of Commerce, Montreal; Le Courrier de Fraserville, River du Loup; Equity, Shawville; Sorelois, Sorel; La Gazette des Campagnes, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere; Le Nord, St. Jerome; Le Journal de Waterloo, Waterloo; Gazette, Amherst; Record, Amherst; Spectator, Annapolis; Casket, Antigonish; Canning Gazette, Kentville; Times, Liverpool; Enterprise, New Glasgow; Eastern Journal, Port Hawksbury; News, Spring Hill; Herald, Sydney; Sun, Truro; Hants Journal, Windsor; Tribune, Windsor; Times, Yarmouth; Miramichi Advance, Chatham; World, Chatham; Intelligencer, Fredericton; Maritime Farmer, Fredericton; Reporter, Fredericton; Union Advocate, Newcastle; Messenger and Visitor, St. John; Courier, St. Stephen; Post, Sackville; Moniteur Acadien, Shediac; Press, Woodstock; Logberg, Winnipeg; Northwest Review, Winnipeg; Inland Sentinel, Kamloops; Kootenay Star, Revelstoke; Herald, Charlottetown; Journal, Summerside; Herald, Battleford; Gazette, Fort McLeod; News, Lethbridge; Times, Medicine Hat; Times, Moose Jaw; Courier, Moosomin; Times, Prince Albert.

Now for those newspapers which merit only a small degree of Government patronage: who are to receive it in very limited doses and who stand at the foot of the class under the grade "C." They are as follows: Herald, Guelph; Herald, Hamilton; Le Canada, Ottawa; Mail, Halifax; Telegram, Toronto; News, Toronto.

Weekly, semi and tri-weekly papers coming under class "C" Free Press, Acton; Glengarian, Alexandria; Herald, Alliston; Chronicle, Arnprior; Watchman, Arnprior; Enterprise, Arthur; Sun, Aylmer; Northern Advance, Barrie; World, Beeton; News, Blenheim; Standard, Blythe; West Durham News, Bowmanville; Herald, Bracebridge; Witness, Bradford; Conser-