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removed to Sydney would almost provoke a civil war in Victoria. To satisfy all parties it was arranged in the original Constitution to build a Capitol removed from either of these towns. It will, very likely, be at a spot called Yass, in New South Wales. But to prevent heart-burning among the other States, a piece of territory has been ceded, and it has been disinfected, as it were, from New South Wales by being made an independent spot—like Washington.

Yass, as a town, is little more than a name. It is an extremely picturesque spot. But it is not on the road to anything, except scenery. That in coming, though distant, times a beautiful and worthy Capitol will be at Yass I doubt not, should it be finally decided to erect the Capitol there. But that this generation or the next generation will see it is well-nigh impossible. Who is going to live at Yass? Permanent officials and politicians—the latter only during the parliamentary session. The society of politicians is not sufficient to attract the retired and leisured classes. There will be no diplomatic circle, as at Washington, to be the nucleus of a cultured community. It is hard to conceive that society people in Melbourne, and Sydney, and Adelaide, and Brisbane—with all the pleasures those cities can afford—will go and dump themselves in a ragged, raw, unfinished place as Yass is sure to be for many years. The one good thing about it is that the creation of Yass will break down local jealousies and help in the development of a national spirit.