Growth of Australian Cities.

The tendency of the population of towns and cities to increase, at the expense of the surrounding country, is exciting attention in Australia, as it already has in nearly every other country. This tendency is particularly marked in the case of Melbourae, of Sydney and Adelaide. At the first-name I, according to the Melbourne Argus, the yearly increase in population is remarkable, and the percentage is equaled by that of few other cities. The gain in population during the past three years has varied from 19,000 to 22,000, and is apparently still increasing. Melbourne and its suburbs at present have an estimated population of 400,-000, against 250,000 in 1878. Sydney also shows a heavy increase in the same period, and the Argus states has probably nearly as large a . population as Melbourne: The latter city it is thought by the Argus, is destined to be the real capital of Australia. A large portion of the increase in population seems to be at the expense of the country districts. The desertion of worked-out gold fields has tended to depopulate some sections, and the popolation displaced seems to gravitate toward the large cities. In 1861 a quarter of the population of the colony of Victoria resided in Melbourne. In 1881 the proportion had increased to onethird; now the proportion is two-fifths, and apparently the march is on to the extraordi nary condition of one half the people of the colony in the city, and one-half outside of it. Practically similar conditions are reported at Sydney and at Adelaide. At present Melbourne contains one seventh of the entire population of Australia. So far as can be noted the tendency illustrated of the city population increasing at the expense of that of the country has not yet shown itself inimical to Australia's prosperity. - Bradstreets.

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