

AUSTRALIAN CITIES.

Graphic Description of the Big Towns of the Antipodes.

Interesting Facts, Figures and Progresses by Our Own Correspondent.

Australia, without the burden, or as some may be pleased to style it, the blessing of untold centuries of civilization to mark her with an ancient historical career, has, nevertheless, a history as varied and eventful as any of our modern mercantile countries of equal age, whose changeful Governments show yesterday a Kingdom, to-day an Empire, and tomorrow a Republic.

SYDNEY

being the first Australian capital, and the metropolis and principal port of the colony, claims seniority of place in our description. In a former letter we described some of the vicissitudes attending the early settlement of Sydney as a general station. A tent was the first vice regal abode, and the first building requiring any degree of strength was that for the inscribable. The embryo city was on several occasions reduced nearly to starvation; two pounds of flour, two of salt pork and one of peas was the weekly ration at times until it unyoked itself from these distresses, and gradually grew into a city of unimagined prosperity.

It was little thought in those early stormy days that Sydney would one day be a great commercial centre, and as a consequence the oversight of the venerable city fathers will be visited upon the children no doubt until many generations. That part nearest to the quays is the oldest and the observer cannot help but notice unmistakable signs of convalescence after a short distance from the water.

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A GENERAL ELECTION.

and the first assembly of the new parliament is now in session.

Politics are not so virulent here as we have them in Canada; but the struggle for power is as keen as in any other country. The Liberal party, the Conservative party, the Reform party, and the Reform or Tory or Liberal, as the Canadians use the term, is unknown in Australia.

ADELAIDE

the principal city of South Australia. The colony was founded the same year as Melbourne, and has a population of about 60,000. The first twenty years it made very slow progress, especially when the gold fever broke out in Victoria.

PERTH

its capital, which, however, we can do in a very short time for its population does not exceed 6,000. The town is increasing very rapidly during the last year.

BRISBANE

the capital of Queensland, dates from 1842, when the colony was first declared open for free settlement. It is 550 miles north of Sydney, with which it will soon be connected by railway.

MELBOURNE

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COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

Sheppard's Big Snare.

To the Editor of The Signal. Mr. Editor, - A Sheppard correspondent has felt it his duty to inform your readers of the way Christmas was celebrated in this locality.

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Public speakers and singers are often attended with hoarseness, and danger is lurking in the bronchial pipes.

Obsolete Wedding Fashions.

The fashion of bridesmaids has gone out temporarily, and one person, generally a sister, accompanies the bride to the altar as her aid.

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