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THE BULLETIN.

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"Australia for the Australians"

This is the policy which these southern colonies should persistently strive to realize. Already are the people of Australia awakening to the fact, albeit slowly, that their continent is becoming a mere appendage of a vast and unwieldy Empire...

We are constantly being asked to note the process of amalgamation the wide world over. Great states are absorbing little states. Prussia and Bavaria disappear in the realisation of a German Empire.

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The Imperialists are striving strenuously to efface the Australian sentiment. Once the name Australian was a "red-hot burning brand of shame," the scarlet letter flaring on the breast of every colonist. In those days it was a title written with a lash, and the "i" was dotted and the "t" was crossed with the gyves and the galls.

When England, or the dear Prince, or a limited section of England's Tory statesmen - whoever it may have been - awakened to an idea of the importance of colonial co-operation to the successful accomplishment of their little schemes, Governors were sent out as Imperialist agents.

Lord Lortus was worth ten Imperialistic Governors of the sort we are to have henceforth, and THE BULLETIN is ashamed though not afraid to confess that it never made a greater mistake than when it helped to hold up to ridicule this straight-going, honest old man, characterised alike by his simplicity and his humanity.

Yet the Governor is only one move in the scheme of Imperialism. An English admiral directs the movements of the Australian fleet, and an English general is put forward to command an Australian army.

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Democracy in Australia is gaining strength, and every fresh act of repression serves simply to call to the surface the hidden forces that have been hitherto suppressed.

But after all who is responsible for the attitude of the people? Who is the invader of the rights and privileges sacred to the individual as to the community?

PLAIN ENGLISH.

The Fleecer's Guild.

MR. FRANK J. SMITH, the Balmain legislator, wants an extension of the right of audience in New South Wales courts of justice.