EDUCATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A CRITICISM OF THE CENSUS.

Referring to the education statistics issued by the Commonwealth Statistician and published in "The Advertiser" on Thursday, the Director of Education (Mr. A. W. Somerville) stated on Friday, which place South Australia in a more favorable light than the figures published in the "Advertiser," which, he said, were based on statistics for the year 1918-19. The State was not receiving instructions. In order to secure uniformity for the comparison with the statistics for other States, those taken were from 10 to 13 years. In South Australia, however, the "comparative" ages were from 7 to 13, and it was the index of progress that the Education Department was responsible for. Therefore, from the 9.70, must be deducted 1.28, between the ages of 6 and 7, and returned to total 4.42 for "correcting instruction." Taking the census figures, said Mr. Williams, it would be seen that the number of children in South Australia between 7 and 13 years of age was...