

Our Public Men.

PHRENOLOGICALLY AND PHYSIOGNOMICALLY DELINEATED.

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(Under this heading we propose in the first instance to give delineations of the characters of the members of the new House of Representatives. The subjects are unknown to the delineator.)

13.—MR. A. SAUNDERS (member for Selwyn).



This gentleman has a very distinctive organisation. He has a clear, well-marked individuality of his own. You could not mistake him for Jones, Smith, or Robinson. He always will continue to be the same peculiar Mr. Saunders. Each of his features are as distinctive as his character is. His nose stands prominently out from his face, but it is not as long as I would like

to have seen it. Although it terminates somewhat abruptly, it indicates considerable taste and refinement. The eyes are full and well formed, showing good powers of language and philological ability. The ears are far back, showing large frontal and high coronal regions. He is more INTELLECTUAL than BRILLIANT, more DEEP than QUICK as a thinker. The religious and moral sentiments are strikingly large, forming the chief traits of character. He would have made a superior preacher and a good temperance lecturer. Judging from the formation of his head, I would say he is a Prohibitionist, though, personally, I know nothing of his views, as I have never read anything of them nor heard him. He has excellent planning ability, and possesses rather a CONSTRUCTIVE than an ICONOCLASTIC mind. Although he could be critical, he would rather formulate than destroy systems of thought; believes more in the gradual growth of reforms than in sudden revolutions of society. He has a steadfast and reliable disposition, a good social nature, and a steady thoughtful head.

No. 14.—HON. RICHARD SEDDON (member for Westland).



Mr. Seddon has an exceptionally strong organisation, the Vital and Motive Temperaments being particularly well developed, giving him good health and great powers of endurance. Nature has been exceedingly generous to him in giving him so full and so strong a constitution. PHYSICAL STAMINA is the first impression his photo gives to the mind of the character-reader. He has a most characteristic head. So specially developed is it in

certain points that it is UNIQUE. The nose is a pronounced Roman type and indicates strong determination and individuality of character. It would be impossible to absorb or assimilate him. He would come out of the human mill as he went in—the same resolute, strong, determined Richard, equal in courage to the hero of Bosworth field. The eyes are full and steady, indicating fair power of speech and a firm mind. The forehead is very prominent above the eyes, showing keen and correct powers of observation. He has a good memory for persons, places, and things. He can go into and deal with details admirably. The literary faculties and poetic sentiments are small. It would be a most difficult task for him to commit to memory Thomson's "Seasons," Pope's "Essay on Man," or Prince's "Vision of the Future." He has fair reasoning ability, but his FORTE is EXECUTIVENESS. There is no "come again next week," or "call to-morrow," with Mr. Seddon. You get your answer on the SPOT and STRAIGHT OUT, whether it please or not. He has more real sympathy and true generosity than his words would indicate to those asking any concession or assistance from him. He is not a copyist of any man. He is ORIGINAL, POSITIVE, DIRECT, and SELF RELIANT. He is no IDEALIST nor VISIONARY, but in the fullest sense of the words, he is a PRACTICAL MAN, with a keen eye to indisputable facts and actual experience. There is no fear of his leaving political *terra firma*. His organic forces being great, he should attain good longevity, as no doubt his forefathers lived to a ripe old age.

No. 15.—MR. CARNCROSS (member for Taiera.)



This gentleman has in many respects a superior organisation. He has a good, open countenance and a high head. His leading traits of character are QUICK INTELLIGENCE, NATURAL REFINEMENT, HIGH SENTIMENT, and great activity. The nose, eyes, and ears are well formed, denoting strong power of volition, good language, and musical ability. He is fully alive to all that is

passing around him. In business he would be most attentive to details and omit nothing which would conduce to success. He has good observing powers and knows the value of things at a glance. Quickness of thought and action are especially characteristic of him. The critical faculties are large, giving him powers of comparison, of detecting defects, and of weighing evidence. He has a constructive mind and would rather build than destroy. Planning and executive organs are well developed. Ideality, Hope, and Spirituality are large, giving him a love for the beautiful, a disposition to see the best aspect of things, and to naturally perceive the spiritual side of life, and to regulate his mind according to these higher sentiments. He would have made a better minister of religion than member of Parliament. With his organisation he should be able to say with Prince—

"My heaven aspiring spirit seems to climb,
Nearer to God, whose all embracing wing,
Shadows the universe; my feelings chime
In unison with every holy thing,
That thought can give, or mediation bring."

He possesses a fine organisation, and should be a superior, intellectual man.