

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.)

16.—MR. THOMAS L. BUICK (member for Wairau).



This gentleman has a fine, clear-cut face, the features of which are handsomely formed. From a phynogomical point of view they are nearly perfect in form and expression. The chin indicates attachment to and great regard for the ladies. As long as female franchise obtains in New Zealand, Mr. Buick is quite safe of a seat in the House. The lips and nose show great

taste and natural refinement. The eyes are full and wide open. They do not miss anything worth seeing; and his mind is as rapid as his eyes. There is an eager expectancy in them, showing great power of imagination and love of action. It would be impossible for him to accept the "rest and be thankful doctrine," as his mind is so active and progressive. His face is not so full now as it may be later in life. At present he is too active to grow fat. He has a beautiful round ear, standing well out from the head, as if listening to some distant sounds of melody. No doubt in his quieter moments he can hear

"The music of the spheres."

He possesses a long well-formed neck, indicating longevity. His perceptive powers are good; literary capacity well developed; and he has a good all round memory. He has a bright, active, intelligent mind, and will make a most useful M.H.R.

No. 17.—MR. W. C. BUCHANAN (member for Wairarapa).



This gentleman has a strong organisation, the Motive and Mental Temperaments being large, and the Vital fairly well developed. His leading traits of character are **KEEN DISCERNMENT, GREAT DISCRETION, and PENETRATION** of mind. He is a close, careful observer of men and things. He is slow to decide anything of importance, but his judgment is rarely wrong. He

has marked individuality, determination, and perseverance.

Calculation and reasoning abilities are very good. He will go very closely into arguments and details, not omitting anything which is required to strengthen his position. Language is not large, but it is steady and discreet. He is more **DEEP** than **BRILLIANT** as a thinker and speaker, more **PRACTICAL** than **THEORETICAL** in politics, and more **CAUTIOUS** than **SPECULATIVE** in business. He will not be carried away by emotion or impetuosity. Day by day he is the same straight, careful, hard-working Scotchman, giving close attention to all he undertakes. He has an excellent head for superintending works or important business.

No. 18.—MR. T. DUNCAN (member for Oamaru).



Naturally this gentleman has good, sound health, and great activity of mind and body. He can endure a great deal. He has a prominent nose giving him a somewhat forward appearance. This is counteracted by the organ of Cautiousness being large or his nose would have run him into trouble pretty often. The eyes are full and wide, indicating a free flow of words.

Power and observation is very good. He would be watchful of the requirements of his district, and attend well to all practical matters. The Literary Faculties are not well developed. He learns more from personal experience than from perusal of books. He is plain and natural in his manners, and dislikes formalism. He has a broad head and features which considerably resemble those of Ralph Waldo Emerson, the great American philosophic thinker and writer. Mr. Duncan is not as well filled up in the literary and critical organs as the transcendental essayist of Providence, U.S., but in many respects he should possess similar traits of character, namely, Originality, Quaintness, and love of nature. The Coronal region is broad, imparting moral and religious rectitude, and consistency of conduct and character in Mr. Duncan. He has a good executive, constructive mind, but it is not smart or particularly bright. He will be a steady, reliable member of the House of Representatives.

Jarman, late bookseller's clerk, was sentenced by Judge Richmond, at Napier, to two years hard labour for stealing £30 worth of stamps from his employer. Some of the stamps were recovered, being in the possession of a Wellington Post Office official, to whom they were sent for sale, and whom it is presumed acted in perfect good faith. The Judge described Jarman's correspondence in reference to the sale of the stamps as very amusing. At the same time he gave him a hard sentence.

Jarman, who was out on bail, and working on a station since his committal by the R.M., appeared in Court with a magnificent and evidently well-cared for moustache, which, seeing that he is quite a little fellow, gave him a somewhat exaggerated appearance. Pity he did not get a shearer to clip it off before coming into Court, as it has to go now anyhow.