

## Our Public Men.

PHRENOLOGICALLY AND PHYSIOGNOMICALLY  
DELINEATED.—By PROFESSOR R. WHITE.

No. 58.—MR. JOHN DUTHIE (member for Wellington city.)



Mr. Duthie has a strong physical constitution, but he is deficient in the mental. His organisation does not fit him for close study or active brain work. No doubt his forefathers were farmers or outdoor workers of some kind, and used their hands more than their heads. The power of observation is fairly large in Mr. Duthie, and he should have a pretty good memory for external things—for objects. He is very weak in the literary faculties. He cannot master nor properly handle subjects; great poverty of speech, confusion of ideas, and deficient knowledge of intellectual matters are his main defects. His qualities are caution, perseverance and great will power. These would greatly assist him to make headway in life and to some extent compensate for the deficiencies I have named. As a politician he will only be useful or successful in local matters. Broad national questions and deep political problems he cannot grasp. Phrenologically considered he would be more successful as a farmer than as M.H.R.

No. 59.—MR. G. W. RUSSELL (member for Riccarton.)



Mr. Russell has a superior mental vital organisation well fitting him for head work. He possesses a high, broad head imparting to him a high sense of responsibility, moral sentiment, and good power of imagination. Mental insight, love of principle, and clear expression should be conspicuous of him. He would have made a good preacher, moral reformer, or temperance advocate, as he will try to put into practice what he teaches. He loves consistency everywhere, and he will make it an ideal. He is a man of busy thoughts and many words, but not

too many as they all contain something. He is steady, earnest, and sincere. Any cause he adopts he will work for in a most energetic, disinterested manner. He possesses considerable literary capacity, reasoning power, and religious sentiments. Judging from his organisation he should take a leading part in the affairs of the country and be a great influence in the House.

No. 60.—MR. EARNSHAW (member for Dunedin city.)



Mr. Earnshaw has nothing very characteristic or special about him. His highest developments are not large. It is easier to write of his deficiencies than of his qualities. He has rather a large motive ten perament, giving him steadiness and endurance. He is somewhat cautious and calculating in his movements. Thinking is hard labour to him, the mental temperament being somewhat smaller in him. He is deficient in literary ability, and power of expression. Talking is laborious and awkward to him. It would be more pleasant to read than to Self esteem is quite large enough

have to listen to his speech.

to help him through many difficulties. At any suitable trade he would have made a respectable working man, but nature or Providence never intended him for a legislator, or it would not have been so cheap in supplying the necessary materials. Mr. Earnshaw is likely to become a great influence in the House or in the country.

No. 61.—SIR ROBERT STOUT (member for Wellington city.)



Sir Robert is just the opposite in mental organisation to Mr. John Duthie. The former is as strong as the latter is weak in this respect. Mental activity, quick insight and critical acumen are characteristics of Sir Robert. His memory for facts, occurrences, &c., is naturally good. His power of picking up ideas and knowledge generally for reading, and conversation is excellent. The literary faculties are large, making it easy for him to accumulate and retain information. Language is well developed, giving him great power over speech, command of words and discreet expression of his ideas. His forte is criticism. He possesses keen, accurate perception of the relation of things, and should have a good all-round memory. Both things and ideas are recognised by him very quickly; so are systems and principles, but his upper frontal region is deficient, consequently he is wanting in originality and stability. He can utilise what is prepared for him to the best advantage, and do it at once, but he is incapable of thinking out any system of his own. On the whole he has a superior organisation adequately fitting him to take a leading position in the public affairs of this country.

The shareholders in the Petone woollen mill are very savage because there is no divvy this year. And Kaiapoi showing such a good record, too. It is awkward. Meanwhile Kennedy Mac chuckles grimly, and says "I told you so."

A Melbourne man with whom we had a confab the other day was surprised to find no really first-class hotel in Wellington. He wonders why there is not an hotel here in the Empire City like the Grand at Dunedin.

No need to wonder. No one dare build a big place while the Prohibition fanatics are so strong and so threatening. Besides, we believe the Grand doesn't pay over well.

Pollard did well during his late season here. "Olivette" was the biggest draw. By the bye, isn't it amusing to see the company always alluded to as children and "kiddies." Much "more than seven," some of them.

The poor old "Evening Depress" went bung on the 31st October. It was a brilliantly written paper when Teddy Wakefield was at the helm, but of late years it has been a vacillating, nerveless, useless rag. Never will be missed. We are sorry for the staff, for billets are hard to get in these days.

Kumara possesses a genuine Stoic in the person of Mr. Duncan Fisher. The other day a youngster rushed up to Duncan and gave him the very unpleasant information that his (Duncan's) hut had been reduced to a mere heap of ashes. An Englishman would have used some of the national verbs and adjectives, an Irishman might have attempted a joke, both would probably have gone round town and got on a terrific bend—but Duncan Fisher, good Scotchman, was just the philosopher. Said he, with all the calm of a Stoic: If there's naething but ashes, there's nae guid in knocking off wark, and he buckled into his job all the harder. Good man, Duncan.