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## Civic Notabilities, Phrenologically Sounded.

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ARTHUR R. BOSWELL, ESQ.,

*Mayor.*

The consequences of the electors of Toronto having followed party—instead of scientific—guidance in the election of their chief magistrate, are strikingly illustrated in the present holder of the office. This gentleman's ancestors doubtless played the part of *bos well*, but that is more than the cerebral development of their descendant would warrant any one acquainted with phrenology expecting from His Worship. None but a phrenologist would regard the faculty of self-esteem as a redeeming feature in a man's character, but it does so happen that in the absence of a conscience, such organs as self-esteem and love of approbation may practically do duty instead; so that in cases where the conscience of some men would influence their actions, and prevent their inflicting a wrong on others, self esteem, or love of approbation, in other cases, would act as a bridle to prevent wrong being inflicted; it wouldn't pay to do the wrong.

The *semi*-centennial has found us in such a condition of semi-barbarism that the unthinking mass of the enfranchised are, for the most part, the mere tools of political tricksters; by the arrival of *the centennial*, "the great unwashed" may possibly have learned to think, in which case, we apprehend, they will think twice before they elect Boswell the second. At present we may regard ourselves as living in an era of fox-rule. To return however, to the direct consideration of Mr. Boswell's mental qualities, it is due to that gentleman to state that his perceptive faculties are his mainstay; his reflectives, on the contrary, are below the average; it can scarcely be necessary to observe how such conditions would operate, should he, by the aid of popular ignorance, push his way to a judicial bench. Whenever he may preside over such athletic exercises as those which characterize "The Woodbine," he will probably figure to advantage. Such organs as are shared by men and animals in common are well developed in the case of Mr. B. His faculty of acquisitiveness is

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