

if Mr. Lypiatt followed after us while at Hamilton. We were not so devoid of human kindness as to tell him that he couldn't walk on the same street as we did, or even converse with the same persons. We leave it to Mr. Widdicombe if it was not Mr. W. A. Starnaman who urged him to stand for Adv. and Sub. agent against Lydiatt.

Regarding the 'letter acknowledging guilt being addressed to us,' one would infer that it was the confession of guilt in regard to the bicycle theft. This is not the case at all. It was a confession regarding an offence committed six or eight months ago. We knew nothing of the bicycle matter until we saw it reported in the Toronto papers.

Mr. Muirhead throws out base insinuations against our honesty, in paragraph 9, because Geo. W. Starnaman is Sec'y-Treas., and the two of us publish the Official Organ. It is very strange how soon Mr. Muirhead forgets himself. What did he want? Look up his letter in the Ontario Philatelist, and notice how he urged members to vote for Mr. Widdicombe for Sec'y-Treas. Then Mr. Widdicombe was hot after the Official Organ. Just think of it Muirhead, Mr. W. would have had it all in his hands, but we have no doubt but that everything would have been square if he had been successful. We have only retained the cash that was due us, which Mr. Muirhead would have done also if he was publishing the Official Organ.

Mr. Muirhead says he is not ashamed of his record. Let us look into the actions of this man

who thinks he has done so much for the society. Since the convention held at Berlin, July 21 and 22, 1897. Mr. Muirhead has secured (we hate to show him up) only THREE members. Right here we wish to say, not as a boast, but to show what can be done if members have the interest of the society at heart, that in the same time that Mr. Muirhead secured his three, we had our name as reference to 52 members (first reference to 33 and second reference to 19).

In the Columbian Philatelist for December 20th, 1897, Mr. M. says:—"in two years the Dominion Philatelic Association will be as dead as a door nail." Fine words, these, to come from the pen of the President. In apology for this statement he says in the letter to Geo. W. Starnaman under date of August 9th, 1898:—"I perhaps said a little that should have received some revision but I may say that if you and your political conferees gain absolute control, the D. P. A. will not last eighteen months." He was still president when he used these words, but we are happy to say that he has at last recieved his deserts.

Trusting that this explanation will correct any false impressions that may have been caused.

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