

This is only a few of many thousand proofs that stamps when kept long enough after their purchase are safe and profitable investments, so when once started in the ranks of philately, keep to the front and don't drop out.

The placing of a stamp into books, by pasting them with glue firmly to the paper is a second big mistake of the beginner. In removing the stamp into a new album it may get torn which renders the stamp worthless and consequently no price can be realized on it. Stamps should be placed into albums with hinges of good grade, so they can be easily removed without damage to the stamp.

When paper is on the back of a stamp, do not try to tear it off, but soak it with luke warm water, and dry it by laying it between two blotters.

Now when it comes to disposing of the stamps, and you wish to specialize in a certain country or kind of stamps, the best course to pursue is the Exchange Departments of the societies, where you can sell your stamps and buy those you desire, otherwise, if you need money and want to realize on your collection at once, it is best to receive bids on it, which can be done by sending a description of your collection to several dealers, or if it is a valuable collection sell it at auction.

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Vote for A. M. Muirhead as  
D. P. A. President.

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## MUIRHEAD'S MANIFESTO.

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The War-Horse of the D. P. A.. Again Appeals to the Faithful.—An Interesting Document.

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To the members of the Dominion Philatelic Association,

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Once more the exigencies of events render necessary my asking for your support in a political campaign. I had hoped that my duties in the political field had ended and was looking forward to a time when I could "study my stamps" in accordance with the oft repeated admonition of the space filler on the stamp journal. This, however being out of the question I trust to find myself able to conduct this campaign as rigorously as was my wont.

One thing we are fighting this time is Sectionalism, another is Bossism and a third is Incapacity. We fought Bossism in the form of a Toronto machine in 1897, and we so smashed that piece of mechanism that it has not been running since and is now believed only fit for the junk shop. The scene is changed now, but the principle is the same. To-day our quarrel is with the Starnaman clique, a little gang of nursery habitating hopefuls with headquarters in the classic village of Berlin-on-the-mud.

I have resigned the Presidency to give my friends a fair show. The people to whom I am now giving this fair chance would not do the same if our positions had been reversed. There isn't enough vim in the whole outfit