

Philatelic Pen Points.

With this letter I introduce myself to the readers of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST. I will be with you occasionally with the view of giving you "points" on philately in the United States, but particularly in Ohio. While it will be my duty to interest the readers of the O. P., yet it will be my endeavor to further and advance the interests of this journal when or wherever the opportunity presents itself.

The Market Report:—The condition of the Market has livened up considerable. There are many inquiries for British North Americans, especially the current issues. There is a good demand for U. S. Match and Medicine stamps and Canadian Revenues find a ready sale, while on the other hand I am informed by two of my correspondents that U. S. Revenues are steadily but surely declining. This is evidently true as is noticed by the unheard of discounts offered. The Newfoundland surcharge is in good demand and will be a good thing to keep.

"The Market Report" will be a feature of my letters. I have correspondents all over the country by whom I am informed, and with a number of opinions I am enabled to give a correct state of the demands of collectors. Please remember I don't intend to say such and such a stamp is a good thing to buy when it is not. I have in my mind several instances where certain stamps were often "boomed" in order to increase sales when it was not justifiable, but merely to help a dealer to unload that particular stamp or issue as he had a large

stock. When I say such and such a line of collecting is increasing or decreasing it will be bona-fide, and based on the demands all over the country.

Yes, we are going to have a Jubilee issue over here too. The Omaha Exposition or Omaha "Imposition" issue will be put on sale June next. I expect we shall soon see the S. S. S. opinion, "undoubtedly of a speculative nature, absolutely unnecessary, etc., etc."

Never done before but will be done now. Mr. Henry S. Adair proposes issuing an Ohio directory. The Buckeye State contains about 500 active collectors and also supports two or three good, live societies.

I had several other notes I wished to give to the O. P. readers but lack of space forbids. However they will appear in my next letter.

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Capital Clippings.

OTTAWA, MARCH 17.

A curious error of perforation was sent me from Barrie in a pane of the new 3-cent stamps. Instead of containing 100 stamps it only contained 90, there being a row of perforations outside the stamp in the east margin. In other words the perforating machine was set over one stamp too far to the eastward. The west pane if it could be found would contain 110 stamps, with no perforations on the west side of the westernmost row. The postmaster was charged with 100 stamps, and charged my correspondent for 100, a charge which he was quite ready to pay.