

INTERESTING COVER



If you examine the above cover carefully, it is franked with a US stamp (Scott 301) and Canada stamp (Scott 90). How is this possible?

The cover was mailed from Buffalo on September 6, 1903, arriving in Toronto on September 7. Apparently, Ms. Harbinson was not at the Toronto address. Someone knew that she was in Buffalo, crossed out the Toronto address and wrote in the Buffalo address and mailed back on September 12, arriving back in Buffalo on September 13.

Why the Canada stamp? Per Universal Postal Union Treaty rates, the forwarding of mail cross-border required additional postage. A 2 cent Canada stamp was used to send the cover to Buffalo. Thus, a cover with 2 different country stamps.



FOURTH BUREAU ISSUE

The centennial of the 1922 series of US stamps known as the Fourth Bureau Issue is underway. It is the fourth set of ordinary stamps printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP). The series began with the 11 cent Rutherford B. Hayes stamp (Scott 563) and was followed by 20 other stamps ranging in value from ½ cent to \$5. This series would be the workhorse of the post office until the 1938 Presidential series was released (the Prexies).



Scott 563

The Fourth Bureau issues present a unique opportunity to explore. The varieties of each issue are unique and represent the technological advances in printing stamps. During this period the BEP was developing highspeed rotary presses replacing the cumbersome flat press. Of course, there is also the postal history. It would be interesting to know if a Club member specializes in this area. Let the Club know! We're sure that specialized material from this issue would be an interesting presentation.



Scott 573



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Happy New Year to all Club members! Hopefully, the Holidays were enjoyable despite the weather. Perhaps Santa was good and left some philatelic gifts!

As we enter the new year, we begin preparations for BUFPEX, the second weekend in March – 11th & 12th. In the meantime, we will break the Winter monotony with auctions in January and February, and a presentation in February. Maybe that philatelic gift, the 5 pounds of on-paper US, will make it into the auction.

2023 will present more challenges as the Club moves forward. But the Club will persevere as it did during COVID, when it transitioned to a new venue after the Leonard Post closed. What is important is for each Club member to step up and support the Club. If you have an idea or suggestion that would improve the Club, let the Board know. Fresh ideas are welcome, especially when they benefit the Club and all its members.

Let's all help make the Club even more successful in 2023!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, January 12th: Auction

Thursday, February 2nd: Auction

Thursday, February 16th: Presentation

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At The Knights Halls, 2735 Union Road just north of William St. in Cheektowaga

Auctions begin immediately following any business and announcements beginning at 7:00 PM.

Arrive early to submit and view lots; seller deadline to submit lots is 6:30 PM

Presentations begin at 7:00 PM in Bar Room

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

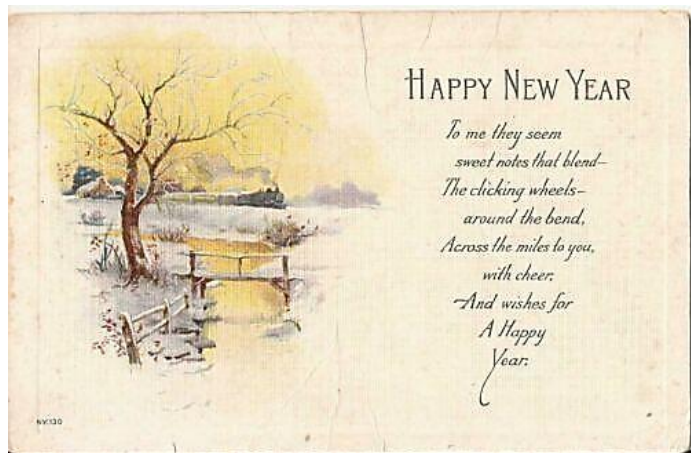
John De Ruiter – Collecting Interests: Mint and used Peru

FINAL NOTICE OF DUES

The “philatelic year” begins in September, ends on the last day of August, and dues are collected during the month of September. January is the month when the club revises the roster of active members, and some members have not yet paid their dues. If you have not paid your membership dues by January 31st, this will be the last newsletter that will be mailed to you and membership in the Buffalo Stamp Club will end. If you have any questions or concerns relative to the status of your membership, contact the Membership Chairman, Bob Meegan, at (716) 655-5583 or by email at meegan9697@roadrunner.com

Dues are \$20.00 for Regular membership and \$6.00 for Junior members. Send your check, payable to The Buffalo Stamp Club to:

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2023 POSTAL RATE INCREASE

The USPS will raise its rates on January 22, 2023 particularly first-class mail which will increase from 60 cents to 63 cents. There is no increase for the rate covering each additional ounce on first-class mail.

USPS Rate Increase January 22, 2023

Product	Current Prices	Proposed Prices
FCM Letters (1 oz.)	\$0.60	\$0.63
FCM Letters (metered 1 oz.)	\$0.57	\$0.60
Domestic FCM Postcards	\$0.44	\$0.48
Single-piece FCM Letter and Flat, additional ounce	\$0.24	No change
FCM International Postcards	\$1.40	\$1.45
FCM International Letters (1 oz.)	\$1.40	\$1.45

Of course, if you have a stock of forever stamps you are covered.

January 22nd falls on a Sunday. Get your first day of new rate covers ready. If you are really ambitious, you can prepare last day of rate covers and have them postmarked on Saturday at your local Post office, and then at the Airport Mail Facility on Sunday, January 22nd! Dan Sherwood is preparing his covers now!



C3a – Collecting and Connecting Central Academy, is an on-demand, online learning tool containing videos, learning modules, and resources that cover a wide variety of topic and interest areas. APS members have special access to courses and videos as part of their membership.

PRESENTATION

On Thursday, February 16th, Rick Barrett will present **“My Grandfather was a Postmaster”**. In the 1920s, Grandpa Barrett (of Buffalo) was a postmaster in a tiny fishing and hunting town in Ontario. Rick will show the official documents confirming his appointment, along with a number of very interesting philatelic items, and talk of family-related postal history. Join us for an enjoyable personal tale which combines ancestry with stamp collecting.

DOUBLE DEALER NEWS

By Joe Brzezowski

With the New Year starting, hopefully we had a few happy presents to fill some of the spaces in our albums or maybe even a new country to explore and collect.

Our hobby had some sad news for a few dealers this past year. I thought I would mention them in case you missed the news. Kevin Kellman, of K2 Collectibles from West Virginia, was in a very serious car accident before Christmas on his way home from a show. Happy to say that after surgery and a week in ICU, he is home recovering and wants everyone to know that he will be back after some rest and recuperation. He adds that “every day he is healing feels better than the last”.

For those of you who know National Dealers and BCW specialists Toga Associates, you will be aware that Tom and Gail have been off the circuit for a while now. Unfortunately, Tom had a series of seizures and was hospitalized for 3 months. It was finally discovered he had been suffering from Lyme disease. He is now on the mend, strength slowly returning and generally getting better and better. But due to this setback and a few other personal reasons, the team has decided to close the business and retire. We certainly wish the best for the Toga team and a continued safe path to full recovery and rewarding retirement.

(Ed. - John Leszak shared a letter from Kevin describing the suffering he experienced during this horrible episode. The Club sends its wishes for a speedy recovery. Kevin’s address is Kevin Kellman, 30 Blackwood St., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.)

CTO STAMPS

One of the commonly misunderstood terms in philately is “used.” All philatelic dictionaries define “used” as a stamp which has been postmarked or canceled and has passed through the mail stream. “Canceled To Order” (CTO) refers to a stamp that also has been postmarked or canceled but has **not** passed through the mail stream.

Beware that some sellers take liberty with the distinction between the two terms offering stamps that are used, but in fact are CTO.

The following stamps from the Soviet Union were described as used. Upon receipt, all the stamps had their original gum.



In addition, CTO stamps have postmarks that are distinctive and are uniform on all stamps. Note that the above three stamps have postmarks located in the corners of the stamps. Postal agencies intentionally postmarked sheets of stamps which are sold to the general public, particularly collectors at less than face value.

CTO’s are known among those countries that have large stamp programs and have small postal usage. However, it is a cheap source if you are looking to fill spaces in your album!

MORE ON REVENUES

If you’re interested in reading more about Revenues, *The American Philatelist* had 2 recent articles – Sept 2022, “Postage & Revenue Stamps Intertwine Across British Africa” and Nov 2022, “The Collector of Revenue”. You must be a member of APS to view online, or grab an extra magazine at the auction.