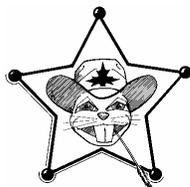


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Happy Holidays

This holiday newsletter is sent to you by the Willsons. We hope your celebrations are happy and meaningful over this season. Feliz Navidad, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah.



Our holiday will be spent in Connecticut in a quintessential New England small town, Woodstock. Founded in 1686, Carol's mother has a house on the historic district Woodstock Hill, the highest in eastern Connecticut. It has a



magnificent view to the north of the Presidential Range in New Hampshire, whose mountains are a hundred miles away. The farmhouse was built in stages beginning in 1840, on one of the later houses as most were built in the 1780s or 90s around it. With the Congregational Church a few doors away across the street, it is picture perfect, particularly with a snowfall.



Left is a SFL from Woodstock to Brooklyn CT with faint "WOODSTOCK, April 15 (1838)" "PAID 3", the circular rate, also a manuscript "Circular". The mark is found in *Postal Markings*, Vol. 4, #2, July 20, 1934 p. 19.

UPDATE ON AUCTIONS

Bennett sale of Hennok Squared Circles, Dec. 2, 2005. Many of us were puzzled why Bennett would choose to auction Canada Squared Circles in New York, if indeed he had the opportunity to select the Hennok 2 rings or other numerals. Our prediction that the auction would die lousy apparently was borne out as many lots went unsold, many items sold at low prices, and only a few of the real rarities even achieved 4 digit prices. Bill Radcliffe attended and noted that only two other squared circle collectors attended, that there were some telephone bidders, but that overall the bidding was weak. The BC items did well, but given the odd lotting of many items, lots often sold cheap with real rarities in them. Goes to show that putting material out of its natural location (why not Toronto, Halifax, or Vancouver) for specialized material limits sales- good for the collectors who need the material, however.

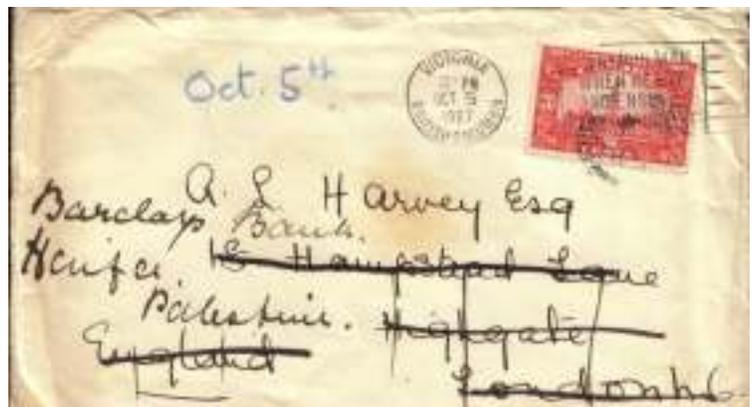
Many of us thought that Jim Hennok killed the squared circle market in the 1980s with his often silly bidding for material, grabbing all rarities and turning many collectors away from the area. The Bennett sale prices seem to bear this out, at least compared to the landmark business done by Eastern Auctions of the 4-ring, BC, and NB cancels.

Mail to the Holy Land in the 1920s

Palestine was part of the Ottoman Empire prior to WW I. The exploits of T. E. Lawrence (of Arabia) are well known during the war, and afterward France and England divided the region between them as "League of Nation Mandates". Before and after the war, Canada postal guides listed mail to Palestine under the UPU rates. The 1927 Postal Guide still lists rates as 8c first oz., 4c each additional. Sometime during the year, however, England added Palestine to the list of Commonwealth countries to receive the preferred rate of 3c per oz. Below are shown four covers that illustrate this, three in 1927 showing the 3c rate, and the fourth paid at the unnecessary UPU rate. Two are forwarded, one to Haifa from London, other to UK from Jerusalem via Cairo and Paris.



Victoria Nov. 26, 1927 to Haifa, Dec. 22 receiver



Victoria Oct. 5, 1927 to London, forwarded to Haifa, 14 Oct receiver



Double rate to Palestine Annapolis & Middleton RPO AP 16, 1927, May 4 Jerusalem receiver, forwarded to Paris, forwarded to Cairo, Cook.s Post Cairo May 27 receiver, forwarded to London June 2 receiver, forwarded to Devon



Registered Calgary Aug. 29, 1928 to Jerusalem, London UK registered 9 Sep. transit,

SEE YOU IN HOUSTON MARCH 4 (tentative) – GEORGE AFRKEN WILL PRESENT ON HIS RECENT WORK ON 1897-1911 POSTAL HISTORY WITH BILL PAWLK.