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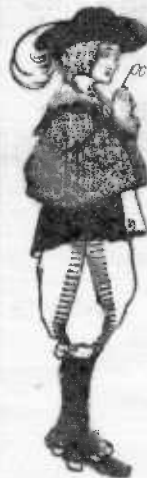
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EDITORIAL

In the first Christmas number it has seemed fitting that the staff should make a personal bow to our readers, and the following brief summary should prove interesting as at least showing where the sins of this publication should be visited.

R. G. Stark, who conducts the Games Department, formerly played for Hampshire County, for Basingstoke and for Reading. He also took part in the London Major League. He won the Vancouver Club Championship in 1913 and was second to Dr. Smith in 1914. He has played twice in the B. C. Championship, being second in 1916 and third in 1918. For two seasons he has been a member of the North Vancouver C. C.

F. Potts, our Advertising Manager, has had much to do with the success of the B. C. E. Ry. Chess Club. He now presides over what is probably the most enthusiastic club in the province.

F. MacLachlan, the writer of Chess Notes, is the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the B. C. Chess Federation, and a power in provincial chess. He is president of the North Vancouver C. C., and a keen player.

H. Butler, who is attached to the staff in an advisory capacity, originally played for Kent, and is a winner of the Tunbridge Wells Challenge Shield. He won the Vancouver Club Championship in 1917, and has made two appearances in the Provincial Tourney, being fourth in 1916 and second in 1917. He is a member of the Vancouver C. C., and plays top board for Central in the Senior League.

J. Priestman, the hon. secy. treasurer of the magazine, is connected with the B. C. E. Ry. Chess Club, playing first board for one of the teams. It is needless to comment further on his chessic enthusiasm.

B. A. Yates, who, like Mr. Butler, is an advisory member of the staff, has already been introduced to our readers. His work will probably be mainly in the annotation of games.

R. Hall, the leader of the other B. C. E. Ry. team, is the official optimist. His capacity at staff meetings is the inspiring one of turning mountains into molehills, and then dissolving the molehills into thin air.

G. W. Melhuish, our Problemist, bears a serious aspect befitting the great responsibilities of his position. Yet the sad task of finding cooks, duals and other grievous imperfections in the numerous first efforts submitted to him, has in no wise lessened his energy and zeal. He is a charter member of the Vancouver C. C., captaining Kitsilano, and he has done a power of work in the setting of this magazine upon its feet.

John M. Ewing, the Editor, formerly played for the Edinburgh W. M. Chess Club in the premier Scottish competition, namely the Richardson Cup. He has played every year in the Provincial Championship, being first in 1916, third in 1917 and second in 1918. In the first-mentioned year he founded the North Vancouver C. C., for which club he has played top board during the three seasons of its existence.

COMPARATIVE AGE OF PROVINCIAL CHESS CLUBS

We invite correspondence upon the above interesting topic. Our own opinion at present leans toward Victoria, but the data for forming a decision are very meagre.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

CONDUCTED BY R. G. STARK

Players are requested to take down and submit provincial match and tourney games. For explanation of "Forsyth Notation" used for positions, see first issue, page 2.

Game 4

Evans Gambit

White	Black	White	Black
J. R. Hunter	A. F. Davis	J. R. Hunter	A. F. Davis
1 P-K 4	1 P-K 4	18 PxKt	18 KxKt (i)
2 Kt-K B 3	2 Kt-Q B 3	19 Q-K R 5 ch	19 K-Kt 1
3 B-B4	3 B-B 4	20 Q-Kt 6 ch	20 K-R 1
4 P-Q Kt 4	4 BxKt P	21 Q R-K 1!	21 Q BxP
5 P-B 3	5 B-R 4	22 QxQ B	22 BxP (j)
6 P-Q 4	6 PxP (a) *	23 Q-K R 5 ch	23 K-Kt 1
7 O-O	7 P-Q 3	24 Q-Q 5 ch	24 K-B 1
8 PxP	8 B-Kt 3 (b)	25 QxB	25 Kt-K 4
9 Kt-Q B 3 (c)	9 Kt-R 4	26 P-K B 4	26 Kt-B 2
10 B-K Kt 5 (d)	10 K Kt-K 2 (e)	27 R-K 6	27 P-B 3
11 Kt-Q 5	11 P-K B 3	28 Q-K 4	28 Q-Kt 3 ch
12 BxK B P (f)	12 PxB	29 K-R 1	29 P-Q 4
13 KtxP ch	13 K-B 1	30 Q-K Kt 6	30 R-K 1
14 Kt-K Kt 5	14 KtxB	31 RxR ch	31 KxR
15 Q-K B 3 (g)	15 Kt-K B 4 (h)	32 Q-Kt 8 ch	32 K-K 2
16 K KtxKRP ch	16 RxKt	33 R-K 1 ch	33 K-K B 3
17 KtxB ch	17 K-Kt 1	34 P-K B 5 (k)	Resigns.

The following game was played by correspondence between J. R. Hunnux of Erie, B. C., and A. F. Davis of North Yakima, Wash.

Mr. Hunnux, whose life we hope to give in an early issue, is one of the greatest experts on the Evans, having made a special study of it. The notes marked H are by him.

(a) That ardent analyst, Mr. W. T. Pierce, claims that KtxP is a defence to be reckoned with. (b) The "normal position." Compare with the game in the last issue, in which Mr. Yates played the "compromised defence." (c) Morphy's move. In regard to this move it is related that Steinitz was once induced to attend a seance, where a noted medium was answering questions through spirit rapping. When his turn came Steinitz blandly enquired, "What is the best answer to Morphy's 9th move in the Evans Gambit?" No reply was received, and as none has yet come through we suggest the spirit is still analyzing! (d) Dr. Goring's variation (H.). (e) Modern Chess gives P-K B 3 at once, with the continuation 11 B-B4 KtxB. 12 Q-R4 ch Q-Q2. 13 QxKt Q-B2. 14 Kt-Q5 B-K3. 15 Q-R4 ch B-Q2. 16 Q-B2 and Black is a P up with a playable game. (f) Sporting! (g) Up to this point, strangely enough the moves are identical with those played in a celebrated game, Blackburne v. Amateur played in 1886. Black made the move 15 Kt-Q7—recommended by Steinitz and W. W. Wayte; whereupon Blackburne mated brilliantly as follows: 16 KtxR P dble ch K-K1. 17 Q-B7 ch K-Q2. 18 Kt-B6 ch K-B3. 19 QR-Kt1! BxP. 20 KR-B1 ch B-B4. 21 Q-Q5 ch Kt x Q. 22 PxKt mate (H.) (h) Blackburne says this move gives Black the better game. But yours truly says NO! You'll have to show me! (H.) (i) We here tried Q-R5, which looked stronger, but 23 Q-Q5 ch KxKt; 24 Q-B7 ch K-R1; 25 Q-B8 ch K-R2; 26 P-B6 Q-R3; 27 Q-B7 ch K-R1; 28 Q-Q8 ch K-R2; 29 P-B7 with good chances. (j) Here we tried Q-R5 and also P-Q4, but they are neither any good. (k) A very pretty game, excellently handled by White throughout, especially as Black put up a

strong defence, and it seems difficult to materially improve on it from the 16th move. Perhaps Mr. Blackburne will enlighten us as to how Black obtains the better game, as Mr. Hunnex appears to prove his point, unless more can be made of the variation suggested in note (i), where, however, White has several alternatives.

Game 5

The game on Board 1 in the Kitsilano v. Central match:

Sicilian Defence

White		Black		White		Black	
B. A. Yates		H. A. Butler		B. A. Yates		H. A. Butler	
1 P-K 4		1 P-Q B 4		20 RxB		20 QxR P	
2 Kt-K B 3		2 Kt-Q B 3		21 P-K 5		21 P-Kt 3 (d)	
3 P-Q 4		3 PxP		22 R-Kt 5		22 R-B 1	
4 KtxP		4 P-K Kt 3		23 B-Q 5		23 QxP	
5 Kt-Q B 3 (a)		5 B-Kt 2		24 RxP		24 K-R 1	
6 B-K 3		6 Kt-K B 3		25 RxKt		25 Q-Q 6	
7 B-K 2		7 P-Q 3		26 Q-Kt 1		26 Q-Q 7 (e)	
8 O-O		8 O-O		27 Q-K 4 (f)		27 Q-Q 8 ch	
9 P-K R 3 (b)		9 B-Q 2		28 K-R 2		28 Q-Q B 8	
10 P-K B 4		10 KtxKt		29 R-Kt 3		29 K R-Q B 1	
11 BxKt		11 B-B 3		30 R-Q 3		30 Q-Kt 8 ch	
12 B-B 3		12 Q-B 2		31 K-Kt 3		31 R-K 8	
13 Q-K 1		13 P-K 4		32 Q-Q 4		32 Q-B 8	
14 B-K 3		14 PxP		33 RxB		33 KxR	
15 BxP		15 K R-K 1		34 P-K 6 ch		34 Q-B 3	
16 R-Q 1		16 Q-Kt 3 ch		35 QxQ		35 KxQ	
17 K-R 1		17 QxP (c)		36 R-B 3 ch		36 K-Kt 4	
18 BxP		18 Kt-Q 2		37 R-B 7		37 R-B 6 ch	
19 Kt-Q 5		19 BxKt		38 K-B 2		Resigns.	

(a) Mr. Yates generally favors the strong Maroczy attack, P-Q B 4, which in our opinion yields White a decided superiority. (b) This followed by P-K B 4 as played, is not good, unless Q-Q 2 has been played. Q-Kt 3 is the correct reply for Black. (c) P-Q 4 and then to Q 5, leading to numerous complications, appears better than the line adopted, as the latter yields command of the centre. (d) A curious looking move, but the only one to save the Kt P. Kt-Kt 3 would have stopped the deadly B-Q 5. (e) Q-K 6 saving time is far stronger and seems to give Black a level game at the least. (f) The rest, though needing the utmost care, and RxB at the right moment as played, is a dead win for White.

Position No. 2

Pillsbury's famous Bishop mate. It is the only position from actual match play in which we have ever seen a mate with a single B. Do our readers know of any?

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6 q k | p 6 p | 1 p b 5 | 2 p 2 B 1 Q |
4 p 3 | 2 P 1 B 3 | P 6 P | 7 K
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The game played in a simultaneous exhibition proceeded as follows: Pillsbury, Black, (1) Q-R 4 Q-B 2, (2) BxK P, Q-B 8 ch, (3) B-Kt 1 Q-B 6 ch, (4) BxQ BxB mate.

Position No. 3

From Kitsilano v. North Vancouver. Stevenson (white) v. Ewing.

Position for adjudication:

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2 r 3 k 1 | 2 r 2 p 2 | 1 p 2 p 1 p 1 |
p B 6 | P b 1 P 2 p P | 2 p 3 R 1 |
2 R 2 P P 1 | 5 K 2 |
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White to play, what result?

CHESS NEWS

By F. MacLachlan

The other evening we were wandering quietly (as is our wont since prohibition has been introduced) along a secluded street in North Vancouver, our mind quietly ruminating over the material for this column, when a most hopeful line of thought was rudely disturbed by a tremendous crash of noise. Startled, we stopped, and that inquisitive part of our nature prompted us to seek the cause. We had just passed a large outhouse and, a little way from the road we beheld the dimly lighted windows of a building from whence, decidedly, the noise did come. With cautious step we approached. The noise, if anything, increased. The thought that it might be a Bolsheviki meeting with the Reds in control, chilled our heart, but we resolutely continued to approach the building. At length, peeping through the uncurtained window, no blood-curdling sight dismayed us, for it was only the Boys' Chess Club in full session.

It came out afterwards at an inquest held on the furniture, that two of the members had mated each other simultaneously, and the remaining members joined battle to decide which had been first.

But the most hopeful line of thought which would have made this column of entrancing interest has been lost for ever.

It would not be fair to leave the topic of the North Vancouver Boys' Chess Club without making mention of their top board, Mr. Leslie Buckley. Leslie is doing meritorious service for the cause of chess. He is a hard and enthusiastic worker, and, although the results of his work are not shown by the method of keeping match scores, they are nevertheless there. The boys are getting excellent practice in the Second Division of the Greater Vancouver League. As for Buckley himself, it needs no prophetic eye to see for him a brilliant chess future.

Since last issue there has been "lots doing" in chess circles. The results of the Masters tournament in New York, which were promised for this issue, are now in hand. Several games of great beauty occurred, notably one between Marshall and Capablanca. Neither Capablanca, who takes first place, nor Kostich, who is a close second, lost a game. Naturally we should like to have seen our Canadian champion, J. S. Morrison, higher up, but considering the heavy material he was pitted against the results are quite creditable, and show him to be in the Masters' class. He has our best wishes for more success in the future. The scores were as follows:

	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
Capablanca	9	3	0	10½
Kostich	6	6	0	9
Marshall	6	2	4	7
Chajes	5	2	5	6
Janowski	3	2	7	4
Black	2	3	7	3½
Morrison	1	2	9	2

Nearer home the Greater Vancouver Chess League has been claiming much of the attention of players in the Vancouver district. The play in all the matches has been very keen, which is shown in some of the results.

A list of these results is undernoted:

FIRST DIVISION

Vancouver Central 4½ v. Kitsilano 3½, December 2nd.—Butler 0, Yates 1; Lacaille 1, Millar 0; Potter 1, Hooper 0; Saybourn 1, Gibbs 0; Woodthorpe 0, Delaney 1; Mayer 1, Acton 0; Savage 0, Draper 1; Barker ½, Melhuish ½.

Kitsilano v. North Vancouver, December 19th.—Stevenson, Ewing (game sent for adjudication); Millar 0, Stark 1; Yates ½, Jenkins ½; Hooper 0, Jonas 1; Draper 1, MacLachlan 0; Melhuish 0, Phelps 1; Delaney 0, Coates 1.

We take this opportunity to welcome back to active chess circles Mr. Archibald Stevenson, who played first board for Kitsilano, and showed that his form had not deserted him since we last had the pleasure of watching him play.

SECOND DIVISION

B.C.E.R. "B" 3½ v. N. Vancouver Juniors 2½, November 29—Priestman 0, Buckley 1; Breeden 1, Jenkins 0; Aitken ½, Scott ½; O'Dwyer 1, Cottell 0; Watson 1, Shakespeare 0; Defaulted 0, Liersch 1.

B.C.E.R. "A" 3½ v. Vancouver "B" 2½, December 5th—Hall ½, Heaps ½; Pochin 0, Brydone-Jack 1; Chamberlain 0, Gisborne 1; C. Graham 1, Smith 0; F. Graham 1, Hayward 0; Horner 1, Defaulted 0.

N. Vancouver "B" 6 v. N. Vancouver Juniors 0, December 9th—Coates 1, Buckley 0; Bull 1, Jenkins 0; Lawrenson 1, Scott 0; Melville 1, Liersch 0; Borland 1, Defaulted 0; Todd 1, Defaulted 0.

N. Vancouver "B" 5 v. B.C.E.R. "B" 1, December 16th—Coates 1, Priestman 0; Bull 1, Aitken 0; Batchelor 1, Keillor 0; McRae 1, O'Dwyer 0; Todd 0, Games 1; Johnson 1, Defaulted 0.

B.C.E.R. "A" 5 v. N. Vancouver Juniors 1, December 20th—Hall 0, Buckley 1; Chamberlain 1, Jenkins 0; C. Graham 1, Scott 0; F. Graham 1, Liersch 0; Horner 1, Shakespeare 0; Hobday 1, Defaulted 0.

N. Vancouver "B" 1 v. Vancouver "B" 5, December 23rd—Coates ½, Heaps ½; Berger ½, Gisborne ½; Bull 0, Emison 1; Lawrenson 0, Johnson 1; Batchelor 0, Savage 1; Melville 0, Smith 1.

The dates for the matches missed owing to the epidemic have all been arranged, and several have already been played, the results appearing in the above.

The Council of the B. C. Chess Federation met on the evening of the 11th December in the Vancouver Chess Club rooms to consider the possibility of including the Kerrisdale Players in this year's schedule. Although the Council was eager to do so, it was considered inadvisable to alter the existing schedule, which is already rather congested. It was arranged however, that the teams in the second division should each play a friendly match with Kerrisdale under the league rules, and the Council look forward to the inclusion of the Kerrisdale Club next season.

On behalf of the Chess players of the district we have much pleasure in extending to the Kerrisdale Players our heartiest congratulations on their organization, and our best wishes for many a happy chess evening.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Neil McCallum of Grand Forks, one of the most enthusiastic chess players of the Interior of this Province, who, we have no doubt, will be interested to know that he was the first subscriber to this magazine.

B. C. ELECTRIC CHESS CLUB NEWS

Since our last issue the members of the B. C. E. R. Club have been greatly agitated over problems, but there is no truth in the rumor that they are also busy calling down maledictions on the head of our Problem Artist. Anyone casually wandering into the social club will easily spot the Chess players by "that worried look." The scraps of conversation which float around are of a hieroglyphic nature. The following is a sample:—

A. "I would say knight to bishop six, check."

B. "No good! Pawn takes knight."

A. "Oh! I thought the pawns were going the other way."

B. "I see, to meet themselves coming back, eh?"

But despite all the worries and setbacks of problem students there is an air of hope about those sending in solutions. They are all confident.

NORTH VANCOUVER CLUB NEWS

The double knockout handicap tournament is gradually getting down to a survival of the luckiest. The survivors at present are:—Stark, McMahon, MacLachlan, Jenkins and Bull.

With the New Year the Championship Tournaments will begin. Like "Omnis Gallia" they have been divided into three parts: the Major, confined to Class 1; the Intermediate, Classes 2 to 4; and the Minor, all below Class 4.

The North Vancouver Club is to be congratulated on capturing Santa Claus en passant. We hear that, having discovered the venerable gentleman to be a chess player of no small merit, the N. Vancouver Club promptly pressed him into their service for a simultaneous exhibition on 30th December, to which they are extending a universal invitation. We trust that they may have a pleasant evening and that Santa may bring in his bag a large package of luck for our friends in North Vancouver.

VANCOUVER CLUB NEWS

The double knockout handicap competition is in full swing and the third round has been reached. Many interesting games should arise out of this competition. The end is still some distance away and it is impossible to pick a winner.

The Ladder Competition has been successful in calling out the sporting element in the club. Challenges are numerous. Many exciting and interesting games have resulted, and a general feeling of good-natured rivalry has been engendered.

The Club has been fortunate in securing several new and promising players whose weight will be felt in the League matches.

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We invite correspondence for this column and would welcome reliable chess news from any source. It need not be of international importance. Its main object is to keep chess players in touch for their mutual benefit and the furthering of the interest in chess especially in the Province of British Columbia.

PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

Communications for this department to be sent to

Mr. Geo. W. Melhuish, 1323 Chestnut St., Vancouver, B. C.

Problem composing is commencing within our midst. Since our last issue I have received several local two-movers which, although first attempts, show promise of healthy development.

Apròpos of my remark last month in regard to setting up the black king, surrounding him with enemy forces and crying mate, a worthy reader of this page has remonstrated, said it was not at all easy, in fact he had found it quite difficult; after diligent research, however, he had composed a two-er consisting of ten white pieces and one black! I jokingly suggested he have a heart and leave the lonely one off altogether, whereupon, far from turning upon me as I fully anticipated—as first attempters are extremely sensitive—he became really serious and said as the piece under discussion was none other than the black monarch himself he did not see how he could possibly meet my suggestion; truly a worthy frame of mind.

Gadzooks, methinks we can contrast

A Puget Sound enthusiast.

(With due apologies)

There was a young man of Seattle

Who of his one problem did prattle;

The wonderful theme of his glorious scheme

Was to have no black king in the battle.

(See back of Supplement, also page 8)

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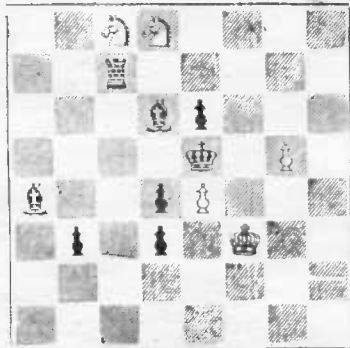
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PROBLEM No. 6

By Alain C. White, 1914

Black, 8 pieces



White, 5 pieces

White to mate in three.

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SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S PROBLEMS

No. 1. B—R 6. No. 2. Q—R 8. No. 3. Q—Kt5 if B—B4;
 2 Q—Qsch RxQ; 3 Kt—K7 mate. If 1 R—B3; 2 Q—QKt5 and
 mates next move.

Correct Solutions received from:—

“Eureka,” H. Martyn Jenkins and Neil McCallum—Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
 “Seaport”—Nos. 2 and 3.
 Capt. R. A. Batchelor—No. 2.
 W. J. Elder—No. 3.

Comments—“Seaport.” B—K3 for No. 1 is defeated by 1 Q—R7.

Fred G. Claudet—Suggestion good; definitions in next issue.
 W. J. Elder—Thanks for wishes. Key moves only required for two-
 movers, but subsequent moves for three-movers.
 Capt. R. A. Batchelor, Q—Kt7 for No. 3 is defeated by 1 R—B2.
 Several solvers made this mistake.

Problem No. 4 by G. N. Cheney, American Chess Nuts, 1868—

5r2|3B3r|1B1p2Kt1|1kt1k1Pp1|6Kt1|
 3l5|P4p2|Q2kt1K2. Mate in two.

Problem No. 5 by J. C. J. Wainwright, Good Companion, May 1918—

4Q3|p7|Kt61pR1KtK|1r1k4|2r14R|
 4p382r4b. Mate in two.

For Forsyth notation see Dec. issue.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Alain C. White, Litchfield, Conn., U. S. A., the author of many well-known works on chess problems, has offered a copy of his Christmas book as a prize for the best Canadian original contribution to this magazine during the present season.

We appreciate Mr. White's kindly interest in our problem page, and trust Canadian composers will come forward with their problems accordingly.