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THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

While we fully recognize the most excellent right Mr. Morrison has to this title at the present time, we feel that the competition should be run on a different basis. What we are about to say can detract nothing from Mr. Morrison's just claims, and is merely intended as a suggestion, approximating to some more ideal method of deciding the Championship of Canada.

We are strongly of the opinion that a tournament without a B. C. representative is far short of the ideal, especially as Mr. Yates would be a very serious contender in any Canadian tournament he might enter. Would it not be possible to arrange a tournament to which would be invited at least one representative of each province—the Provincial champion preferred? Such a tournament should be arranged well ahead so that possible contestants might have an opportunity to prepare for it; and it should be held in the most central location, say Regina or Winnipeg.

The main drawback lies in the fact that there is no Dominion Governing Body for chess, but were the Regina or Winnipeg Chess Club to take the matter up and make the arrangements, it is highly likely that such a Governing Body would result from the tournament itself.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

CONDUCTED BY R. G. STARK

Another game from Mr. Hunnex's collection, which he heads a "South American Brilliant"; we think our readers will agree with this title after playing it through.

GAME 6

Evans Gambit

White	Black	White	Black
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	18 Q R—K 1	18 Q—Q B 4
2 Kt—KB 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	19 B—B 7 ch	19 K—B 1
3 B—B 4	3 B—B 4	20 B—Kt 6 dis. ch	20 B—B 4 (g)
4 P—Q Kt 4	4 BxKt P	21 BxB	21 KtxB
5 P—B 3	5 B—R 4	22 Kt—K 4	22 Q—Kt 3 (h)
6 P—Q 4	6 PxB	23 RxB ch	23 K—Kt 1
7 0—0	7 P—Q 3 (a)	24 Kt—Q 6 (i)	24 PxP dis. ch
8 Q—Kt 3 (b)	8 Q—B 3	25 K—R 1	25 P—K R 3 (j)
9 P—K 5	9 PxP	26 Q—Q 5 ch	26 K—R 2
10 R—K 1	10 B—Q 2 (c)	27 Q—K 4	27 K—Kt 1 (k)
11 B—K Kt 5	11 Q—B 4	28 Q—K 6 ch	28 K—R 2
12 KtxK P	12 KtxKt	29 R—B 6 (l)	29 K R—B 1
13 P—B 4	13 P—B 3	30 Q—B 5 ch	30 K—Kt 1
14 QxKt P (d)	14 R—Q 1	31 RxR ch	31 RxR
15 FxKt	15 PxB	32 QxR ch	32 KxQ
16 R—K B 1 (e)	16 QxP	33 R—K 8 mate	
17 Kt—Q 2	17 Kt—K 2 (f)	(m)	

(a) Black strives to avoid the perils of the "compromised," but in so doing contrives to encounter an even more complicated game.—H.

(b) P x P is more usual.

(c) Since the collapse of Paulsen's Defence (Kt—KB3) this would seem most promising.

(d) If instead 14. B—Kt Black Castles with the better game.—H.

(e) Pushing the KP is also good.

(f) If instead Black plays 17 Q—K6 ch, then follows 18 K—R1, QxKt. 19 QR—Q1 ch, Kt—K2. 20 RxB ch and White mates in three.—H.

- (g) If instead K—K11, 21 Q—Kt3 eh wins! If instead K1—B4, 21 K1—K4, Q—Kt3. 22 BxKt, PxP dis. eh 23 K—R1, QxQ. 24 BxB eh, K—K2. 25 Kt—B5 eh.—H.
- (h) If instead Q—Q4, then 23 RxB eh, QxR. 24 R—KB1.—H.
- (i) A marvellous move! Three pieces can take it but none with safety.—H.
- (j) A fine variation is QxQ. 26 KtxQ, P—B7. 27 KtxB, R—Q8. 28 R (B5)—B1, P—B8 (Q). 29 R—Q8 mate.—H.
- (k) Still the Kt cannot be safely taken; for if P takes mate in two follows, if R takes then mate in three by 28 R—B6 dis eh, K—Kt1. 29 RxB eh, KxR and Q mates. If Q takes then 28 R—B6 dis eh, followed by RxQ and wins.—H.
- (l) Threatening RxP eh and Q—B7 mate.—H.
- (m) The kt offered nine moves ago is still en prise, the Q has been sacrificed; and White wins with his last remaining piece!—H.

GAME 7

(From the St. Petersburg, 1914 Tourney Book)

Queen's Gambit Declined

White Marshall	Black Bernstein	White Marshall	Black Bernstein
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	16 BxKt	16 1xB
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3	17 Kt—K 5	17 P—B 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	18 R—Kt 4	18 RxB (e)
4 PxP	4 Pxd	19 Q—Q 2	19 RxB eh
5 Kt—B 3	5 P—K 3	20 QxR	20 0—0
6 B—Kt 5	6 Q—Kt 3	21 RxQ	21 BxR
7 Q—B 2	7 Kt—B 3	22 Q—B 7	22 P—Q Kt 3
8 P—K 3	8 B—Q 2	23 B—B 4	23 PxB
9 P—Q R 3	9 R—B 1	24 BxP	24 R—B2
10 B—Q 3	10 B—Kt 5 (a)	25 Q—Kt 8 eh	25 R—B 1
11 0—0	11 BxKt (b)	26 QxR P	26 R—B 2
12 PxB	12 Kt—Q R 4	27 Q—Kt 8 eh	27 R—B 1
13 Q R—Kt 1	13 Q—B 3	28 Q—B 7	28 R—B 2
14 K R—B 1	14 Q—R 5	29 Q—B 8 eh	29 R—B 1
15 Q—R 2	15 Kt—K 5	30 QxP eh	Resigns

(a) A pretty idea, for if 11 PxB, KtxP; 12 Q—Q2, KxB eh; QxKt, QxKtP. But White gains time by Castling, and Black must then retreat or take the Kt.—(Morning Post.) (b) This shows the weakness of Black's ingenious Bth move, which was only good if White had fallen into the trap. (c) Black had calculated on this move, but overlooked the terrible rejoinder (Em. Lasker). If now RxQ, RxR mates; or if BxR Q mates. White, however, takes a simple winning course, Q—Q2, leaving the Black Q and R both "en prise".—(M. P.) (d) The Q is neatly entrapped. If Kt—Kt6, Q—B7 wins. Black gets as much as possible for his Q, but his game is lost.—(M.P.)

Position No. 4

Position in the game on Board 1 in the league match between North Vancouver and Central—Mr. Ewing, White; Mr. Laenille, Black:—
 8 | 1 p 5 p | 2 k 3 | 1 1 h 1 P 1 p 3 |
 2 P 1 K 3 | 4 B 3 | P 5 P P | 8 |
 Black to move, from a Queen's Pawn opening.

As the adjudication results will be out before this issue we feel at liberty to comment on these games. In our opinion this game is a win for White; Black has apparently three moves at his disposal, B to Kt5, B—B2 and B—Q1. Of these B—B2 appears the only troublesome one.

Position No. 5

Board 3 in the same match—White Mr. Jenkins; Black, Mr. Garrety. A Ray Lopez:—

S | S | 6 p 1 | p p k 1 b b 1 p |
 2 p 1 B 2 P | 2 P 2 P P 1 | P P 6 |
 K 5 R 1 |

Black to move. Here again White should have few worries—the exchange of Bishops is forced. Black's most promising line is P—QKt4, but if White takes things quietly, it appears to be an easy win.

We shall be glad to receive comments on the above games, especially if anyone disagrees with the results arrived at above, and if they will submit analysis we shall give it our best attention. Also we shall be glad to receive local games from players of any class, especially those in which interesting positions arise.

Position No. 6

Board 5 in the same match—White Mr. MacLachlan; Black, Mr. Potter.

A Ray Lopez:—

3 q 2 k 1 | 5 p p 1 | p 6 p | 2 p 1 P 3 |
 5 P 1 P | 2 Q 5 | P 1 P 3 P 1 | 6 K 1 |

White to play. Here the result appears to be a draw. White has a decided advantage, but his King is so exposed that it seems impossible to avoid the Black Queen's checks.

CHESS NEWS

By F. MacLachlan

Here we are again, gentle readers! In our mind's eye we see you poring breathlessly over the momentous news contained in this column, and the silence of our sanctum is startled with the audible remark, "That's right, boys! Hop to it!"

In the Chess Club which acquires merit by permitting us to attend, there happened the other evening an interesting and ~~not~~ amusing incident. Play is in full swing, when word is whispered around to take a glance at a certain game. It is a match game, and one of the players is at that age with which home lessons are more intimately than pleasantly connected. He is busily engaged killing two birds with one stone for a book of algebraic mysteries claims his attention between moves. We believe he killed the bird whose slaughter we were witnessing. As for the other, his schoolmaster would probably classify it as "slightly wounded."

We have had several requests for the standing of the teams in the Greater Vancouver League, and, in response, we have pleasure in appending the scores for the first round. They are not quite complete, however, as one game in each division is yet to be decided. Here they are:—

1st Division—Vancouver Central, 2; Vancouver Kitsilano, 0; North Vancouver, 2.

2nd Division—Vancouver "B," 4; B. C. Electric "A," 6; B. C. Electric "B," 3; North Vancouver "B," 5; North Vancouver Juniors, 0.

The games in this league played in January resulted as follows:—

1st Division—North Vancouver v. Vancouver Central—Ewing, Lacaille (for adjudication); Stark $\frac{1}{2}$; Butler $\frac{1}{2}$; Jenkins, Garrety (for adjudication); J. Jonas 0, Saybourne 1; MacLachlan, Potter (for adjudication); Phelps $\frac{1}{2}$, Barker, $\frac{1}{2}$; L. Jonas 0, Woodthorps 1.

2nd Division—B. C. Electric "A" 3 v. B. C. Electric "B" 1—Chamberlain 1, Priestman 0; P. Graham 0, Aitken 1; Harner 1, O'Dwyer 0; L. Graham 1, Wight 0.

Vancouver "B" 4 v. North Vancouver Juniors 2—Parker 0, Buckley 1; Johnston 1, Jenkins 0; Gisborne 0, Scott 1; Heathcote 1, Shakespeare 0; Smith 1, defaulted 0; Savage 1, defaulted 0.

B. C. Electric "B" 1 v. North Vancouver "B" 5—Priestman 0, Coates 1; Aitken 0, Jonas 1; Keillor 0, Bull 1; Hobday 0, Lawrenson 1; Watson 0, Batchelor 1; L. Graham 1, defaulted 0.

The following is the result of a friendly match between the Kerrisdale Players and North Vancouver "B":—

Kerrisdale 2, North Vancouver "B" 3—Townley 0, Taylor 1; Powis 0, Jonas 1; Williams 1, Bull 0; Honeyman 1, McRae 0; Burbridge 0, Coates 1.

The schedule of the Greater Vancouver League for February is as follows:

1st Division—North Vancouver v. Vancouver Kitsilano, **February 10th.**

2nd Division—Feb. 6th, B. C. Electric "B" v. Vancouver "B"; Feb. 13th, B. C. Electric "A" v. North Vancouver "B"; Feb. 21st, North Vancouver Juniors v. B. C. Electric "B"; Feb. 27th, Vancouver "B" v. B. C. Electric "A."

In each case the home team is mentioned first.

Mention was made in our last number of the impending simultaneous exhibition in the North Vancouver Chess Club Rooms, by an anonymous player masquerading as Santa Claus. The evening (30th December), which was of that jovial nature befitting the season, was an unalloyed success, and the North Vancouver Club have asked us to tender to Mr. Chas. F. Millar (Santa Claus having now discarded his anonymity) their sincere thanks and appreciation. We have much pleasure in adding our congratulations to Mr. Millar, whose skill secured for him 10½ out of a possible 13 points.

We learn with pleasure that the British masters are planning a tournament, a Victory Chess Congress, as they call it, to be held at Hastings in August. It is open to Allies and Neutrals only; those countries once calling themselves the Central "Powers" have been excluded. J. H. Blackburne, A. Burn, H. E. Atkins and F. D. Yates are expected to enter, while, amongst others invitations have been sent to J. R. Capablanca, F. J. Marshall, Boris Kostich, J. W. Showalter and J. S. Morrison. The last-mentioned is our Canadian champion, and, if he accepts, as we hope he will, he will carry with him the good-wishes of all Canadian players.

From English chess circles comes the news that Lincolnshire defeated Cornwall by 16 points to 8, and that Hants defeated Devon by 18 to 12 in correspondence matches.

We are pleased to hear of the establishment of a contemporary publication whose interests are the same as ours. The first number of "The Western American Chess and Checkers Bulletin" was published in San Francisco in January. We wish it that measure of success which we ourselves hope to merit. This news taken in conjunction with private information from Britain serves to show that the increasing popularity of chess is not confined to B. C.

We believe that J. R. Capablanca is contemplating, if he has not already started on, a tour of the North American continent. We hasten to confirm the rumour that the Secretary of the B. C. Chess Federation is already trying to get in touch with him with a view to securing his services in Vancouver, if possible. No reply has yet been received, however, but we hope to have something more to say about this matter next month.

We also learn that F. J. Marshall, the American champion, has just completed a tour of six Eastern cities, including Toronto. He played 140 games, of which he won 125, drew 8 and lost 7.

Those of our subscribers who are fortunate enough to have in contemplation a visit to Paris, please note that the home of chess in that city has been moved to the Cafe de l'Univers in the Rue Saint-Honore, which is now the headquarters of a club known as Les Echecs du Palais Royal.

From the antipodes comes the news that a chess club has been formed in Hobart, Tasmania, and that the Wellington, New Zealand, Chess Club has reached the mature age of 42.

To those of our gentle readers who are still "poring breathlessly over the momentous news contained in this column," greetings. We are about to confide to you news, which is being given for the first time to the public of British Columbia. The Annual Tournament for the B. C. Chess Championship is to be held this year in North Vancouver on April 18th, 19th and 21st. We heard in confidence (but we know you can keep a secret) that the North Vancouver Chess Club is out to make it the most successful congress ever held in B. C. or anywhere else. It is the right spirit, and deserves encouragement. We have hopes that they will be rewarded by a record number of entries both for the major and minor events. A special ferry can be chartered if necessary. Next month we shall furnish fuller details regarding time of play, rules, entry fees, etc.

Mr. Frank Parsons, who used to play top board for Victoria, and who is amongst the strongest players in the Province, has come to reside in Vancouver. We bid him welcome, and hope that he will throw himself actively into the arena of chess here.

This evening we journeyed home with a chess player. There is nothing strange about that, of course. But the odd thing is that our conversation started with chess, continued with chess, and, when we got off the car and our ways parted we still shouted chess at each other till out of hearing. This particular chess friend is occasionally afflicted with good ideas. To-night he relieved himself of the reason why so many fellows who know a little of the game refrain from joining a club. To use his own words, "It is because they think that everyone in the clubs is a crackerjack, and there is no use joining unless you are a good player." Needless to say, we were grief-stricken to think that so erroneous an idea should be abroad. In case it is, and, in the hope that these words may reach some such diffident players, we hasten to offer them every assurance that no matter how weak they are in chess, they will find someone at any club that they can beat. Are we not a member ourselves? Be not backward in coming forward; clubs are not founded for "crackerjacks," but to make "crackerjacks."

PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

Communications to be sent to Mr. Geo. W. Melhuish, 1323 Chestnut Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

To the readers of this magazine who are also members of the Good Companions Chess Problem Club, it may be interesting to state that a copy of our January issue was mailed to each member of that club in Canada, some sixty in all, dotted all the way from Vancouver Island to Nova Scotia, and we have to thank Good Companion John C. Gardiner of Toronto for his interest in this magazine in sending us their names and addresses.

To all lovers of the very latest word in two move problems the Good Companion's Club opens a wonderful avenue of information and delight; all the problems in this present issue are by members of this club, which is represented in practically every country in the world and of its total membership of 400 I am glad to say that British Columbia is included to the extent of eight with one on the waiting list.

This month's problems are all brand new, what we call "originals," being sent us by the Good Companions expressly for first publication, a compliment surely to our youthful publication. The word "original" over a problem signifies its first appearance in print.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S PROBLEMS

No. 4. Q—R8.

No. 5. R—B6.

No. 6. Kt—Kt6 if B—K1; 2, Kt—Q7 ch, etc.
if B—Kt4; 2, Kt—B6 ch, etc.
if B—B1; 2, Kt—B4 ch, etc.

Correct solutions received:—

Ernest Levy, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

"Eureka," H. Martyn Jenkins, Capt. R. A. Batchelor, Neil McCallum,
Fred L. Townley and W. J. Elder—all Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

NEW PROBLEMS

No. 8, by Stanley Bourne, Nottingham, Oct. 1918:—

8 | 8 | 2p3Kt1 | 2Bk1p1r4 | 1KR5 | 1p1b3Q | 8 | 3r4 | mate in two.

No. 9, by Edouard Pape, Paris:—

3R:3 | 1pK4p1 | 2prpRKt1 | 1pKtk1pp1 | 3P4 | 1pPQP3 | 8 | 1B6 | mate in two

No. 10, by A. Ellerman, Buenos Aires:—

3BktKt2 | 3R1Pkt1 | 2p3Bp | 4kp1P | 1pP1p2p | 1P3p1Kt | 5PQK | 4R3 |
mate in two.

No. 11, by Juan Roura, Argentine Republic:—

8 | BQ1p4 | 3P4 | K1P1b3 | Ktpk2p2 | 1p1ktRKt2 | 1q2kt3 | 1b3B2 |
mate in two.

COMMENTS

W. J. Elder—Problem No. 2—Black could reply QxQ with a check.**Ernest Levy**—"Signed, Sealed and Delivered"—Your letter rings true. For-
syth notation for showing positions, not solutions; your method correct.**J. McGregor**—Thanks for good wishes and problems. No. 1 is cooked by S. H.
7 ch. Glad our publication pleases you.Solvers are asked to send solutions in earlier. Our printer having his own
problems, requires our "copy" ten days before date of publication.In addition to giving key moves for two-ers, the main variation should be
noted: better too much than too little.I have been asked for explanation of a few terms met with in problemdom.
The following are briefly set out:—**King's field:** The eight squares immediately surrounding the king; if he be at
side of board his field is lessened thereby.**Self block:** Any square in the black king's field that can be occupied by a
black piece; thus, K—K1, Kt—K3, two self blocks can occur, Kt—Q1 or
Kt—KB1.**Flight square:** Any square to which the king can flee.**Pin:** Briefly an attack through a piece; thus, white K—K1, B—K2; black
R—K4; the white bishop is said to be pinned, it cannot move away.
Again Q—Q1, B—Q2, black R—Q4, bishop cannot move without the loss
of the queen.**Unpin:** To nullify the pin. In above example play K—Q1 and the bishop
becomes unpinned; i.e., free to move.**Half pin:** Similar to a pin with the attack through two pieces; thus white
K—K1, B—K2, B—K3; black R—K4; the two bishops are half-pinned;
either may move, whereupon the other becomes fully pinned.**Cross check:** A problem which in the course of solution allows Black to deliver
a check to White; thus in problem No. 6, January issue, 1 . . . R—KB2 ch
is termed a cross check.

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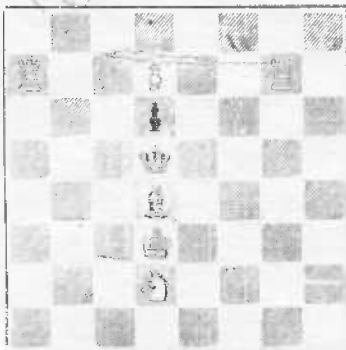
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PROBLEM No. 7

By J. McGregor, Tamworth, Ont.

(Original)

Black, 3 pieces



White, 5 pieces

White to mate in three

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