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## THE SCOPE OF THIS MAGAZINE

When we first came before the public with this magazine, we went into some detail regarding its aim and scope. It was primarily intended to be the organ of B. C. chess, including, however, any news of world interest that could be obtained. During our few months of publication that intention has been considerably modified.

Several weeks ago we were approached by a number of influential Ontario players, who urged us to alter the caption of the paper to "The Canadian Chess Magazine," and who offered to advance our interests in the East. As may be readily supposed, this communication impressed us very greatly, aside from the compliment which it inferred.

After a very complete discussion of the matter, it was decided by the staff that the suggested change was not practicable, mainly owing to the extreme western location of Vancouver, and to the impossibility of our truly representing Canadian chess. We feel that the headquarters of a "Canadian Chess Magazine" should be in Toronto or Winnipeg and that it is only a question of time until such a publication is brought out.

Nevertheless, as we are at present the only chess magazine in the Dominion, we feel it incumbent upon us to overcome the difficulties of time and space in so far as it may be possible, and we shall do our utmost to represent Canadian chess, in the larger sense, and to print matter from all the provinces to the limit of our capacity; increasing that capacity from time to time in such measure as contributions and financial support will allow.

We have therefore added a line below our title to the effect that the magazine will embody Dominion-wide chess news, and it will be one of our chief aims to publish news, games and problems from every province of Canada, in so far as our space may permit. We are anxious to fill the gap until such time as our Eastern friends bring out a centrally located chess magazine, and to this end we would urge Canadian Chess Clubs to appoint correspondents, who will advise us regarding club affairs, and so enable us to link up the chess players of the Dominion. We regret that we have not had time to hear from Eastern correspondents for this issue.

## GAMES DEPARTMENT

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### GAME 8

An odds game played at the Vancouver Chess Club.

#### Muzio Gambit

(Remove White's Q Kt.)

Mr. Robinson White	Mr. X. Black	Mr. Robinson White	Mr. X. Black
1 P—K4	1 P—K4	9 P—Q4	9 QxP ch
2 P—KB4	2 PxP	10 B—K3	10 Q—B3 (b)
3 Kt—KB3	3 P—K K14	11 Q—R5 ch	11 Q—Kt3
4 B—B4	4 P—Kt5	12 RxP ch	12 Kt—B3
5 0—0	5 PxKt	13 RxKt ch	13 KxR
6 BxP ch (a)	6 KxB	14 R—B1 ch	14 K—K12
7 QxP	7 Q—B3	15 B—R6 ch (c)	
8 P—K5	8 QxP		

(a) The double Muzio anticipating P—Q4, Black's safest defence.

(b) QxB would give him three pieces for his Queen.

(c) And mate next move. Morphy was fond of this opening when giving odds of Q Kt, the Q R coming straight into action, with deadly effect.

Marshall was caught in a variation somewhat similar to the above.

GAME 9

Game played by correspondence some fifteen years ago, between the Dundee Chess Club and the Burns Chess Club, Glasgow, Scotland.

Evans' Gambit

Dundee C. C. White	Burns C. C. Black	Dundee C. C. White	Burns C. C. Black
1 P-K4	1 P-K4	18 B-KB4 (f)	18 R-KKt sq
2 Kt-KB3	2 Kt-QB3	19 B-KKt3	19 0-0-0
3 B-B4	3 B-B4	20 R-KR4 (g)	20 Q-B2
4 P-QKt4	4 BxP	21 RxB	21 R-Kt2
5 P-B3	5 B-R4	22 B-QB4	22 Q-Bsq (h)
6 P-Q4	6 PxB	23 RxB	23 QxR
7 0-0	7 PxB (a)	24 R-QBsq	24 Q-R3
8 Q-Kt3	8 Q-B3	25 Kt-R4 (!)	25 Kt-Q5 (!)
9 P-K5	9 Q-Kt3	26 B-Q3	26 P-QB4
10 KtxP	10 KKt-K2	27 P-KB4 (i)	27 KKt-B3
11 B-R3	11 BxKt (b)	28 Kt-B5	28 KtxKt
12 QxB	12 P-Kt3 (c)	29 BxKt	29 K-Kt sq (j)
13 KR-Ksq (d)	13 B-Kt2	30 P-QR4	30 Kt-Q5
14 B-Q3	14 Q-R3	31 B-Q3	31 P-B4
15 B-QBsq	15 Q-R4	32 Q-Kt2	32 R-Ksq
16 R-K4 (e)	16 P-B4 (!)	33 B-KB2 (k)	33 R-K7 (!)
17 PxB e.p.	17 PxB	34 Resigns. (l)	

NOTES

- (a) The risky "compromised defence."
- (b) This Knight would soon become powerful in the attack.
- (c) All well so far, according to Lasker.
- (d) But here the Queen's Rook should have been played.
- (e) Amongst other traps set, here is one to win the Queen.
- (f) If 18 QxP; Castles. 19 RxKt; KtxR. 20 QxKt; BxKt. and wins.
- (g) And now if 20 RxKt; RxB (!)
- (h) Not: P-Q4, which would be met by 23 Kt-Kt5, winning the exchange.
- (i) Threatening 28 QxKt.
- (j) A well timed move.
- (k) Not so good as it looks, but Black's reply was hard to foresee.
- (l) If 34 BxR; Q-Kt2, etc., and if 34 Q moves out of danger, Q-QB3 (!)  
Mr. Lacaille discovered Black's 33rd move and assisted Black throughout.  
The notes are his.

POSITION No. 7

I gave this position as a win for white in the last issue (Position No. 4), whereas it was adjudicated—and correctly so—as a draw. As it is a position of considerable interest, Mr. Lacaille has been good enough to submit the following analysis: owing to lack of space his notes have been unavoidably omitted.

The Position: 8 | 1 p 5 p | 2 k 3 p 1 | b 1 P 1 p 3 | 2 P 1 K 3 | 4 B 3 | P 5 P P | 8  
Black to move.

White	Black	White	Black
1	1 B-B6	11 K-B6 (best)	11 KxP
2 P-Kt4	2 B-Kt7	12 K-Kt7	12 K-Kt6
3 P-KR3	3 B-B6	13 KxP (best)	13 KxP
4 B-B2	4 B-Kt7	14 KxP	14 P-Kt4
5 B-Kt3	5 KxP	15 K-R6	15 P-Kt5
6 BxP	6 B-R6	16 P-Kt5	16 P-Kt6
7 K-Q3	7 K-Kt5	17 P-Kt6	17 P-Kt7
8 K-Q4	8 B-Kt7 ch	18 P-Kt7	18 P queens
9 K-Q5	9 BxB	19 P queens ch	19 K-B3
10 KxB	10 K-R6		

## CHESS NEWS

By F. MacLachlan

Two days ago we were vainly wondering where our monthly supply of material for this column was coming from. Now we are wondering where it came from. Our desk is littered with booklets, leaflets, notelets, jotlets, chiclets, chocolates and chewing gum. When we survey them, we think of the Editor's face as he says "Two pages! Not a line more!" The proposition is to compress four pages of interesting and valuable information (in the vulgar tongue called news) into two pages of space.

Let us begin with our monthly supply of statistics.

**THE GREATER VANCOUVER CHESS LEAGUE**

Vancouver Chess Club (Kitsilano Team) met North Vancouver in the first division at the latter's rooms on 10th February, the match resulting as follows:

**North Vancouver, 3; Vancouver Kitsilano, 3**—Ewing 0, Yates 1; Stark 1, Millar 0; Jenkins 1, Hooper 0; Jonas 1, Draper 0; MacLachlan 0, Melhuish 1; Phelps 0, Delaney 1.

**2nd Division—Feb. 6th—B. C. Electric "B" 1 v. Vancouver "B" 5**—Hughes 0, Parker 1; Woods 0, Johnston 1; Priestman 0, Gisborne 1; Aitken 0, Archdeacon Heathcote 1; defaulted 0, Smith 1; L. Graham 1, Charles 0.

**Feb. 20th—B. C. Electric "A" 1 v. North Vancouver "B" 5**—Hall 0, Taylor 1; Pochin 1, Bull 0; C. Graham 0, Lawrenson 1; F. Graham 0, Melville 1; L. Graham 0, Borland 1; Chamberlain 0, L. Jonas 1.

There is but one fixture for March, North Vancouver "B" meets North Vancouver Juniors, in the second division, on March 3rd.

In the first division there is only one game to play: Vancouver Chess Club (Kitsilano Team) versus Vancouver Chess Club (Central Team). The Kitsilano team having drawn their match with North Vancouver, the Central Team of the Vancouver Chess Club are winners of the league. Hearty congratulations to the Central Team! They gave a splendid account of themselves.

The entries for the Individual Championship of the league are now in the Secretary's hands. They are as follows:

**1st Division**—Jenkins, Ewing, Yates, Stark, and Butler.

**2nd Division**—Buckley, Bull, L. Jonas, Lawrenson, McRae, and Donald Jenkins.

As briefly mentioned last month, the B. C. Championship will be held in North Vancouver, under the auspices of the B. C. Chess Federation, on 18th, 19th, and 21st April. The entry fee for the Major Tournament is \$3.00, and for the Minor \$1.00. The hours of play are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with a recess from 2 to 6 p.m. The time limit is sixteen moves per hour. The prizes are a gold medal and custody for one year of the Bowser Shield for the winner of the Major Tournament; and for the winner of the Minor Tournament a silver medal. Entries, which it is hoped will be numerous, must be in the hands of the Secretary, B. C. Chess Federation, 213 Hastings Street East, Vancouver, by 11th April.

**SUBSCRIBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APRIL NUMBER OF THE B. C. CHESS MAGAZINE WILL BE WITHHELD TILL THE RESULTS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP CAN BE INCLUDED.**

The Victoria City Chess Club have held their annual meeting and have elected the following gentlemen to the offices stated: Hon. President, the Hon. Gordon Hunter; Hon. Vice-President, C. F. Davie; President, H. J. Sanders; Vice-President, W. Marchant; Secretary-Treasurer, J. T. L. Meyer.

The club rooms are at 206 Hibben-Bone Building, and the club has the best wishes of all B. C. chess players for many happy evenings there.

We hear on excellent authority that a match is being arranged for sometime next month—the 15th or 22nd we believe—between the Victoria and Vancouver Chess Clubs. In local chess circles the hope is expressed that this may become an annual event and that it may finally blossom into a coast league.

**Vancouver Chess Club News**—The members of the Vancouver Chess Club are staging a problem solving contest on 22nd February, in honour of George Washington, that illustrious Englishman and First American to whose love of liberty the world owes a Great Nation. The happy idea emanates from the Good Companions' Chess Club, which has supplied twelve problems to be solved, and three prizes for the winners. The Good Companions are to be congratulated on devising this means of strengthening the natural bonds which should unite the Anglo-Saxon race. The results of the competition will be published next month.

The Vancouver Club is in the throes of what we think must be one of the most successful seasons in their history.

This year they have maintained three teams in the Greater Vancouver League—Vancouver Central, Vancouver Kitsilano, in the first division, and Vancouver "B" in the second division. As mentioned previously, the Central team are winners of the first division, and we may add that the "B" team stand an excellent chance of winning the second.

In the club the following competitions are in full swing: Ladder, Double Knockout, and Championships. The last is divided into a major, an intermediate, and a minor. In the minor LePage has beaten Savage, and Nixon has beaten Boughton, whilst Barker passed Woodthorpe in the Ladder. In the Double Knockout Handicap, Woodthorpe has to meet the winner of the semi-final round still to be played between Melhuish and Saybourne. The Club membership is now approaching the respectable total of forty, and some good talent has been discovered amongst the new members. All members, old and new, are actively participating in the Club's affairs, which makes the future outlook a bright one.

**B. C. Electric Chess Club.**—The Double Knockout competition is progressing favorably, though its progress is slow, as most of the members are also entered for billiard, whist, and cribbage tournaments. They are busy birds in the B. C. Electric Chess Club. We were talking to one of the members in his office the other day and noticed a certain date on his calendar underlined in red. On asking for the reason, he replied, quite naturally: "Oh that is the date on which I managed to spend an evening at home."

**North Vancouver Chess Club News.**—The competitions at present claiming most of this club's members' attention are the Championships, which are in full swing. On entering the rooms one can at once see by the set and serious faces that all members are engaged in matches, and, like Eddy's, they are of the silent variety. The Double Knockout Handicap is still in the semi-final stage, but we hope to be able to announce the winner in our next issue.

**Toronto Chess League.**—We wish to tender Mr. R. G. Hunter, President of the Toronto Chess League our sincere thanks for his hearty greetings to the British Columbia players. We are much interested in the Toronto Chess League Schedule for 1918-19, which Mr. Hunter enclosed, and which shows chess to be in a most flourishing condition in that city. There are seven teams entered in the league, and we are only sorry that their present standing is not at hand to publish. The chess players of Toronto may feel assured of the sincere good wishes of their brethren in B. C.

We learn with particular pleasure that on the voyage of the "Empress of Asia" to Vancouver a chess match was staged, in which the N.C.O.'s and Men beat the Officers, Nurses and Cadets 15 to 9. A knockout competition was won by Cadet Ostrom, and an American competition by W. F. Clapham.

Mr. Marshall's new headquarters are at 57 West Fifty-first Street, New York. He has arranged the upper floor with sleeping accommodation for chess transients. If the Vancouver and District Clubs would copy the idea it would be a great advantage to the members of the visiting teams in the Greater Vancouver League matches!

### FORSYTH NOTATION

(Reprinted from First Issue.)

This notation is almost universally used for the taking down of positions upon the chess-board, and may briefly be explained as follows:—

Place the board with the white men towards you, and begin to read in the left-hand top corner, reading each rank from left to right in exactly the same manner as the lines of a page. For white pieces use capitals and for black ones small letters, and use numerals to show the number of empty squares between. A perpendicular line shows the end of a rank.

In the Problem Department you will find a cut representing a board, with various pieces placed upon it. For the sake of example we have given the same position below in Forsyth Notation:—

|| R 1 B 5 | 2 Kt 5 | 2 k 5 | 8 | p 1 P 5 | P 4 P 2 | 2 Kt 5 | 2 K 5 ||

### PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

Please address communications for the department to

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

We have to acknowledge many new subscribers from our Good Companion friends following our efforts last month to interest them in our magazine.

On 22nd February, Mr. J. H. Magee the secretary of this problem club, was made the recipient of a very handsome series of albums from its four hundred members, as a tribute to the untiring energy and zeal of their popular King Pin; the occasion being the annual banquet and solving tourney, held in Philadelphia on Washington's birthday. Mr. Philip H. Williams, of London, England, composed special words and music for the occasion, and interesting addresses were given by Messrs. Alain C. White, Litchfield, Conn.; Frank Janet, New York; John C. Gardner, Toronto, and others, all elucidating problem-lore, much to the delight of those fortunate enough to be present.

### SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S PROBLEMS

No. 7. P—Q8 becomes Kt.; K moves. (2) R chs; K moves. (3) Kt mates.  
No. 8. R—K4. No. 9. Kt—Q7. No. 10. B—R7. No. 11. Q—R8.

Correct Solutions Received:—

Seaport, Nos. 4, 6, and 7 to 11, inc.; Neil McCallum, 7, 8 and 9.

“Eureka,” H. Martyn Jenkins, Ernest Levy, W. J. Elder and Fred G. Claudet, 7 to 11, inc.

Standing in Solving Ladder:—

“Eureka” and H. Martyn Jenkins, 25 points; Neil McCallum, 21; “Seaport,” 21; Ernest Levy, 23; Fred G. Claudet, 11; W. J. Elder, 21; Capt. R. A. Batchelor, 15; Fred L. Towle, 7.

## CORRECTION

An error crept in last month's issue in reference to giving main variations in addition to key moves in two-ers; this should have read "three-ers."

## COMMENTS

This department is responsible for bringing two old acquaintances together viz., Mr. Fred G. Claudet, of Nanoose Bay, B. C., and Mr. Ernest Levy, of Rossland. We suggest they celebrate by playing a correspondence game. And, by the way, our games editor would be glad to arrange a game for any one wishing to play by correspondence.

J. McGregor, Tamworth—February issue and your letter must have crossed. How do you get a black bishop to A8 with a black pawn at B7?

Neil McCallum—Sorry you did not send solutions for 10 and 11.

Fred G. Claudet—Glad to welcome you as a solver. Your paper the neatest yet received. Never heard of a 250 mover. Did you solve it?

"Eureka" and Mr. H. Martyn Jenkins are running neck and neck in the solving contest. Good luck to you both.

"Seaport" thinks No. 11 the best of last month's problems, pretty variations and good key; No. 9 rather "pawny," but good; No. 10 likes PxQ variation best. Very glad to have your remarks; solvers' comments most welcome.

H. Martyn Jenkyns and W. J. Elder found No. 10 the most difficult to solve.

## NEW PROBLEMS

This month's problems are by local composers, all originals, and some first attempts. Let us know what you think of them.

No. 12, by John M. Ewing—

8 | 8 | 2K1Q3 | 5Kt2 | 8 | 3k4 | Kt2B4 | 8 | mate in two

No. 13 by C. E. Draper—

1K3k2 | 1B2pp2 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 2B5 | 8 | 6R1 mate in three.

No. 14, by H. Martyn Jenkins—

1R4ktk | 6rp | 3Kt1p2 | 5Kp1 | 6Kt1 | 8 | 8 | 8 | mate in three.

No. 15, by B. A. Yates—

8 | 3bKtrpk | 3r4 | 4p1K1 | 7Kt | 7R | Q7 | 8 | mate in two.

## MORE DEFINITIONS

Capture key. A key move which actually captures a piece or pawn; thus, | QxP; see Good Companion problem No. 1830.

Waiter. An apparently idle key move which has the effect of forcing black to move, thereby opening his defence and at which point white makes his attack.

Changed mate. An impending mate which for some reason has to be abandoned and another employed.

Threat key. The opposite to a waiter; a bold attacking key move which threatens mate.

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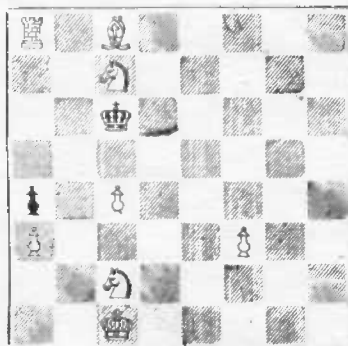
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No. 16

By Geo. W. Melhuish.

Original

White 8 pieces



Black 2 pieces

White to mate in four

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