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EDITORIAL

THE FORTHCOMING CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

We hear with great pleasure that the Dominion Tourney is to be revived this season—a piece of news that will gladden the heart of every player in Canada. Nothing can more greatly inspire men with ambition than the knowledge of national honors to strive for, and a Dominion Tourney forms the proper background for Provincial events. At this time of writing, we understand that the meeting is to be held at Toronto during the second week of January, 1920. Under present arrangements the tournaments take place biennially, on a circuit of Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. While appreciating the value of this system in former years, we are strongly of opinion that it places western players under a disadvantage and would suggest Winnipeg as a suitable permanent centre.

A STAFF CHANGE.

It is with sineere regret that we announce Mr. Melhuish's resignation of the Problem Department. This step is the result of great business pressure, and was taken with a reluctance which only those who know Mr. Melhuish's enthusiasm for this magazine can properly realize. To him a very large share in our success must be attributed, and we are glad that he will still stand with us and support us with his experience and kindly advice.

Our readers will be happy to know that a most worthy successor has been appointed in Mr. Malcolm Sim of Ontario. His attainments, both over the board and in the problem world, would need no comment here. We feel that in securing the services of Mr. Sim we have honored the magazine by placing a national figure in Canadian Chess upon the staff.

OUR NEW TITLE.

Last year the "B. C. Chess Magazine" began as a purely local paper, catering to the public of a single province. Experience has shown the futility of setting up any such limitation, for already at least fifty per cent. of our subscribers live outside the bounds of B. C.

We therefore venture forth as the "Canadian Chess Magazine," with a staff more representative of Dominion chess, and with a vastly broader outlook. We wish to print the games, problems and chess news of all Canada, and to that end we exhort players from all provinces to contribute to our pages.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

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Players are earnestly requested to take down and submit match and tournament games. As a Canadian Chess Magazine we wish to publish Canadian games and seek your co-operation to that end.

GAME 11.

From the Victory Tournament.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

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White	Black	White	Black
Capablanca	R. H. V. Scott	14 B—Kt2	14 R—Q1
1 P-Q4'	1 P—Q4	15 QR-Q1	15 B-Kt2
2 P—QB4	2 P-QB3 (a)	16 KR—K1	16 QR-B1
3 Kt-KB3 (b)	3 Kt—B3	17 Kt—R4	17 B-Kt1
4 P—K3	4 P—K3	18 P-Kt3 (d)	18 K—B1
5 QKt-Q2	5 QKt—Q2	19 Q-KB3 -	19 K-Kt1 (e)
6 B—Q3	6 B-Q3	20 Kt—B5 (f)	20 Q—B2
7 0-0	70-0	21 KtxPeh	21 K—B1
8 P-K4 (c)	- 8 PxKP	22 P—Q5	22 BPxP
9 KtxP	9 KtxKt	23 BxKt	23 PxB
10 BxKt	10 Kt—B3	24 QxBP	24 K—K1
11 B—B2	11 P—QKt3	25 RxPch	25 PxR
12 Q—Q3	12 P—KR3	26 QxPch ~	26 K—B1
13 P—QKt3	13 Q—K2	27 Q—B6ch	- Resigns

- (a) An early advance of the Pawn to Bishop's 3rd allows White too much freedom, and cramps Black's game, unless the Cambridge Springs or some other vigorous line of play follows.
- (b) 3 PxP, PxP, 4Q-Kt3 gives white a slight positional advantage. Any idea of the feasibility of returning the Gambit pawn, as tried by Alapin, was completely upset by Rubenstein in 1912.
- (e) White proceeds to gain command of the centre, and Black's weakness in choice of defense, becomes apparent.
- (d) Necessary before Kt-B5 in the coming attack, in order to guard the threatened Q-B2.
- (e) Waiting to be killed.
- (f) Prettily finished from here, but Black appears to be overawed by his opponent's reputation, and plays a dull defence lifelessly. Capablanca apparently inspired his opponents with fear, as in Thomas' game the latter, with an easy draw in sight, resigned, apparently expecting to achieve no better result.

GAME 12.

The following brilliant game from the Toronto Chess Club Championship Tourney was won by Mr. Sim, whose notes are as enjoyable as the game itself.

Petroff's Defence.

White	Black	White	- Black
Mr. Sin	w w 11	15 B—B21 (g)	15 Q—B3
1 P-K4	1 P—K4	16 B—K3	16 QR—Bsq
2 Kt-KB3	TENA	17 QR—Bsq	17 Kt—R4
3 KtxP	3 P—Q3	18 Q—Q3	18 P—Kt3 (h)
4 Kt-KB3	4 KtxP	19 B—Kt5	19 Q—Kt2 (i) 20 R—QB5
5 P-Q4	5 P-Q4	20 Q—Kt5 21 KR—Ksq (j)	21 R Kt5
6 B-Q3	6 B—Q3 (a) 7 Castles	22 Q—Q3 (k)	22 B—B4 (1)
7 Castles 8 P—B4	8 P—QB3	23 Q—B3	23 R—Bsq (m)
9 Q-B2	9 P—KB4 (b)	24 Q—K3	24 Kt—B5 (n)
-10-Kt-B3	10 B-K3 (c)	25 BxB! (o).	25 KtxQ (p)
11 Q-Kt3	11.P-QKt3 (d)	26 B—K6 ch	26 K—Rsq. (q)
12 PxP	12 PxP	27 RxR ch	27 B—Bsq 28 RxKtP (r)
13 KtxKt	13 BPxKt	28 RxKt 29 B—B4 (s)	29 QxP (t)
14 BxP (e)	14 Kt—B3 (f) nates in three.	20 10 401 (0)	
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- (a) 6, B-K2 is safer.
- (b) Kt-B3 is correct.
- (c) White was threatening 11PxP, PxP; 12KtxP. If in reply 12..., BxP (ch); 13KxB, QxKt, then 14B-QB4. The alternative to the text move, 10..., KtxKt, still leaves White with an appreciable advantage.
- (d) If 11...., PxP, then 12BxP, BxB; 13QxB (ch), K-R (sq); 14KtxKt, PxKt; 15Kt-Kt5, etc.
- (e) Consequently White comes out a valuable pawn ahead.
- (f) Threatening to drive the Queen off the diagonal.
- (g) Not 15BxP (ch), etc. (15Kt-Kt5 was a good chance missed, however).
- (h) 18, B-KB4 would lose a piece, whilst P-KR3 is also weakening.
- (i) If 19...., B-KB4, then 20Q-R6, Q-B2 (20..... Q-Kt2 would lose a piece by 21ExB, etc.); 21BxB, RxR, 22RxR; 23R-B8, with a winning position. 19...., Q-B2 was better than Black's choice.
- (j) The game enters a phase of great interest. A good sound line to meet Black's threat of 21...., R—Kt5, would be 21B—Q2, KR—Bsq; 22B—B3, B—B5; 23 QR—Ksq. The text move comes within an ace of losing something.
- (k) If 22Q-K2 or Bsq, then 22...., B-Kt5. If 22Q-R6, then 22...., B-Bsq. In all cases Black regains the pawn with advantage. White, however, conjures up a swindle that lures Black to an entertaining destruction.
- (1) If Black neglects to harass the Queen, then White plays P-QKt3, and the Black Rook is badly imprisoned.
- (m) 23...., R-B5 was of course better, but Black can be excused.
- (n) If 24..., BxB or RxB, then Q-K6 (ch) is fatal. If 24..., B-Kt5, then 25P-KR3, B-Q2; 26P-QKt3. Or 25..., Kt-B5; 25Q-K2. Consequently he continues with a third and apparently most happy thrust at the White Queen.
- (o) The stroke that leaves Black without resource. If 25Q-K2 were necessary, then 25...., RxP would have put Black in fine shape.

- (p) If 25..., K-Req, then 26Q-K6, R-B3; 27Q-K8 (ch).
- (q) If 26 ..., K-Bsq, then 27RxR mates.
- (r) 28..., R-B5 would be answered by 29R-B3, whilst if 28..., P-KR3, then 29B-B4, K-R2; 30B-K5, followed by 31R-B7. 28..., P-KR4 would be similarly treated.
- (s) Winning the Queen.
- (t) A mild attempt to swindle that would let in mate.

CHESS NEWS

Items for this column should be in the hands of F. MacLachlan, 213 Hastings. Street East, Vancouver, B. C., not later than the 25th of each month.

> Once more unto the board, dear friends, once more, Or brood upon the latest problem set. In chess there's nothing more becomes a man Than modest stillness and blufficity.

We hope the Bard of Avon and you, our cherished friends (if, after the above, we may still venture to call you so), will pardon that breach of the decorum which has ever marked this column. The "Games" and "Problem" Departments we have always claimed, are much too frivolous.

Gentlemen, the gong has sounded, and your little Magazine comes up smiling for the second round. Between the rounds much has happened in the world of chess; and the object of this installment will be to outline some of the most important of these happenings.

The Victory Tournament held at Hastings (England) was won by J. R. Capablanca; Boris Kostich, second; Sir G. A. Thomas and F. D. Yates, third; V. L. Waltuch, fourth. The minor was won by E. G. Sargeant (London). The winner of the British Ladies' championship was Mrs. Holloway (Bromley).

Senor Capablanca in giving his views on the British players in the Victory Tournament says the most interesting game played against him was that by Mr. R. P. Michell. He is satisfied that Sir George Thomas is quite entitled to his reputation as an end game player. Mr. F. D. Yates plays with confidence and attacks on the first opportunity. Mr. V. L. Wahltuch is enterprising and shows to advantage in direct assault on his opponent's king. Mr. R. P. Michell plays a steady game. Of Mr. R. H. V. Scott, he says, that if success depended on a bold attack or sacrifice he could be counted upon to attain it.

The Russell cup for players below second class in the City of London

C. C. was won by J. H. Van Meurs, with Isaac Stow second. F. J. Smith and A. J. Drewitt tied for the Oxford City Chess Championship. The New York Athletic Club Chess Tournament was won by C. Randolph, F. M. Prindle taking second place,

The championship of New York State was won by A. Kupchick; C. Jaffe,

second; O. Chajes, third; and J. Bernstein, fourth.

Toronto Chess Club Annual At Home was held on May 6th. On May 13th and 20th simultaneous exhibitions were given by Mr. Malcolm Sim and Mr. S. E. Gale, respectively, the former winning nine and losing two, the latter winning eleven and losing two. The Club Championship was won by Mr. R. G. Hunter. The Annual Supper of The Toronto Chess League was held. on May 29th; Mr. R. G. Hunter, President of the League, in the chair. An excellent programme, comprised of music, toasts, a lecture and a talk, was much enjoyed. The G. E. Holt shield and individual medals were presented

to the Judean Club, winners of the senior division, and to the same club winners of the Junior division went the Bishop Reeve Trophy and individual medals. The City Championship Trophy passed into the permanent possession of Miss Florence E. Spragge, three times winner. The chess enthusiasts of Toronto are rejoiced to have the Right Rev. Bishop W. D. Reeve actively amongst them again, and they unite to congratulate the Reverend Gentleman on his recovery from a long and serious illness.

Vancouver Chess Club. The Committee met in the Club's rooms on the 5th of September and made the necessary arrangements for the Annual General Clum meeting.

The Annual General meeting, which was held on 25th September, was largely attended and revealed an enthusiasm which augurs well for the coming season. The following officers were appointed for 1919-20: Hon. Pres, Jonathan Rodgers, Esq.; Hon. Vice Pres., John Rose, Esq.; President, A. J. Barker, Esq.; Vice Pres., The Ven. Archdeacon F. C. C. Heathcote; Members of the Council, J. A. Meyer, Esq.; Major Geo. W. Melhuish; B. A. Yates, Esq.; Secy. Treas. J. B. Woodthorpe. The Competitions arranged are "The Double Knockout," which commences immediately, and "The Championship," which is again divided into three classes. It has been arranged that Mr. Yates will play twenty simultaneous games on Monday, September 29th.

The Annual Meeting of the North Vancouver Chess Club was held on September 1st, and the season got under way with a splendid start. The President's Prize for the Club Championship was won by Mr. J. M. Ewing, and a prize presented by the Secretary was handed to Mr. Taylor, winner of the Intermediate Championship. The retiring President, in reviewing the Club's record for last season commented upon the fact that both the first and second place in the B. C. Championships were secured by members, while the Club's match teams took second honours in both the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Greater Vancouver League.

The Club is to be congratulated on the acceptance of the presidency for the ensuing season by Capt. Batchelor. It is also fortunate in the selection of a young and energetic secretary in the person of Mr. Leslie Buckley, Whitechurch Street, Phone North Van. 250L.

Mr. Ewing the retiring Secretary, received a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks for the untiring energy which he devoted during the last three years to the interests of the Club, the success of which has been largely due to his efforts.

The officers for the season are: President, Capt. Batchelor; Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Ewing; Secretary, Mr. L. Buckley, and Treasurer, Mr. W. Melville. The season's tournaments were arranged. A "points" tournament replaces the usual double knockout, and, as it is more or less in the nature of an experiment, it is expected that much interest will be taken in it.

Greater Vancouver Chess Leagne. A meeting of the Committee is soon to be held when the schedule for 1919-20 will be drafted. It is expected that as many teams as participated in the tournaments last year will enter and that the competition will be quite as keen.

Obithary. It is with extreme regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. William Pease Hickok, well known in Canada as Secretary of the American Correspondence Chess League. After a fortnight's illness following a stroke of apoplexy, the deceased gentleman passed on, at Mount Vernon Hospital on August 23rd.

The City of Toronto has suffered the loss of two of her most prominent lady players. Miss Emma Sims and Miss E. L. Sanderson, who both died during the spring, will be much missed in chess circles. Miss Sims won the Toronto Ladies' Championship for three successive years, 1910-12.

PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

Please address all communications to Malcolm Sim, c|o Mr. H. Smith, Sand Hill, Mons Rd. R. R. No. 2, Ontario.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. C. E. Draper for his valued assistance with this month's Problem Department.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN OUR LAST ISSUE.

No. 17. Kt-K1; QxKt; 2Q-Kt1 (ch); RxQ; 3Kt-B3 maté.

No. 18. Kt-QKt6; K-K5; 2R-K2 ch if K-R4; 3B-K6 mate.

if K-Q6; Kt-K5 mate.

No. 19. Q-Q8; K-Kt2; 2Q-R8 (ch); KxQ; 3B-B3 mate. KxKt; 2RxKt (ch); K-R4; Kt-QB5 mate.

K-K5; 2Q-Q4 (ch); KxQ; Kt-B6 mate.

No. 20. Q-KR2; Q-QR8 (ch); 2B-K1 (ch), etc. QxP; 2B-B6 (ch), etc.

No. 21. B-B1.

Correct solutions received from:

H. M. Jenkins, Nos. 17-21. Neil McCallum, Nos. 17-21.

Comments.

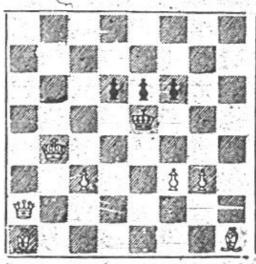
Problem No. 17 of last issue was annotated upside down. Problem No. 20: Black pawn was omitted at Q3. George Robinson says No. 17 is an example of Philador's legacy.

Winners of Contests.

Mr. Alain C. White's book entitled "Chess Idylls," for best original Canadian problem sent in during the past season, was won by Mr. John McGregor of Tamworth, Ont.; Mr. White stating that problem No. 19 was the most meritorious of the season's productions, being very rich in sacrifices. We are pleased to announce that Mr. White has offered to renew this contest, donating another book as a prize for the best Canadian original problem sent in during the coming season. His interproblem No. 22.

Solving Contest.

Mr. H. M. Jenkins of North Vancouver was the winner of the prize for the greatest number of correct solutions sent in during the past season, his score being 100%. Eureka ran Mr. Jenkins a very close second, failing only to send solutions for problems in the May issue. The prize, which was kindly given by Mr. G. W. Melhuish, was a book called "The Two-Move Chess Problem," by B. G. Laws.



By G. Dobbs. Mate in 2.

New Problems.

No. 22. See diagram; mate in 2.

No. 23. | 8 | 3B4 | 1Kp4 | 2pKtk3 | 2bkt1b2 | 3p4 | 5Kt2 | Q7 | mate in 4.

No. 24. | 6K1 | 7Kt | 4pP1p | 4P2k | 5Q1Kt | 6PI | 5kt2 | 8 | mate in 2. No. 25: | q6B | 2ktPKt2b | 1P3Rp1 | 2Kt1k1p1 | 1P4B1 | 3Prr2 | 4pP2 | b1Q1K3

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