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## EDITORIAL

The one matter of outstanding interest in Canadian Chess at the present time is the Dominion Victory Chess Tourney, which is fully detailed in the News Department of this issue. It is to be hoped that every ranking Canadian player will make a strenuous effort to be present, so that the tourney can be a Dominion event in the most complete sense of the term. The championship should be regarded as a crown and apex of a man's chess career,—a fitting culmination to a series of successes in less important events. We are convinced that participants in this major event should be those only who have proved their worth, and thus have a logical hope of success.

At the time of writing no list of entrants is of course obtainable, but we hope at a later date to analyse the personnel of the tourney, and to inform our readers as to the several attainments of the contestants. Meantime we feel sure that in expressing the hope that Mr. J. S. Morrison, the present champion, will take part in the event, we voice the desire of every Canadian player.

The February issue of the Canadian Chess Magazine will be a Dominion Victory Chess Tourney number, in which the tourney will be thoroughly reported and the best games published.

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## GAMES DEPARTMENT

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Two very interesting books, both by P. W. Sergeant, and both extremely well got up, having been lent me, I am reproducing a couple of games therefrom. The players, Morphy and Charousek, were probably the two most naturally gifted chess players that have ever played. The former was known for his brilliant "skittles," the latter for his daring tournament play.

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### GAME No. 16

The following game as taken from the American Chess Congress of 1857. As one of the oldest questions in chess is, how would Morphy have fared with the modern masters, I give his conduct of one of the favorite modern debuts, and would also call attention to the fact that his defence to the Rup Lopez is still the most played to-day.



White	BLACK	White	Black
NICHTENHEIM	MORPHY		
1. P-Q4	1. P-Q4	16. B-K4	16. QxQ ch
2. P-QB4	2. P-K3	17. KxQ	17. R-Kt1
3. Kt-QB3	3. Kt-KB3	18. B-K5	18. R-Kt4
4. Kt-B3	4. P-B4 (a)	19. B-QB6	19. R-Kt3
5. P-K3	5. Kt-B3	20. P-Kt5	20. B-Kt2
6. P-QR3 (b)	6. B-Q3 (c)	21. B-B7	21. P-B6 ch
7. QPxP	7. BxP	22. KxP	22. BxB
8. P-QKt4	8. B-Q3	23. BxR	23. B-B3 ch
9. B-Kt2	9. O-O	24. K-Q2	24. RPxB
10. Kt-QKt5	10. B-K2	25. PxB	25. BxR
11. QKt-Q4	11. Kt-K5	26. RxB	26. R-B1
12. KtxKt	12. PxKt	27. P-QR4	27. RxP
13. B-Q3	13. P-QB4	28. P-R5	28. PxP
14. Kt-Q2	14. KtxKt	29. RxP	29. P-Kt3
15. QxKt	15. QPxP (d)	30. P-B3	30. R-Kt3 (e)
			Drawn game

The substance of these notes is taken from P. W. Sergeant's excellent book—Morphy's games of chess.

(a) An essentially modern continuation and recommended by Teichmann. By the way, I have just played through a game from the Victory Tournament with notes by Mr. A. Burn: 1P-Q4, 1 P-Q4; 2 P-B4, 2 P-K3; 3 Kt-QB3, 3 P-QB4, to which the following note is attached: "Recommended by Tarrasch but inferior to the usual defence of Kt-Kb3, followed by Kt-Q2 and B-K2. Surely somewhat of a sweeping assertion!" (b) So far, same as Burn v. Lasker, 1895. (c) A move which would be censured nowadays, says Maroczy (BPxP). (d) B-Kt2 must be stronger; Black is playing for complications, which he certainly gets. (e) An oversight indeed rare with Morphy, who seems to have missed the fact that, after 31 RxP; R-Kt7ch, the Rook can interpose.

GAME No. 17.

A game from the Nuremberg 1896 Tourney, the first important event that the young Bohemian master played in. He wound up the tournament by the following victory from the world's champion:

Bishop's Gambit.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
CHAROUSEK.	EM. LASKER	13. PxP	13. QxP
1. P-K4	1. P-K4	14. Kt-K2	14. Q-K2
2. P-KB4	2. PxP	15. P-B3	15. Kt-K4
3. B-B4	3. P-Q4	16. Q-R4	16. KtxB
4. BxP	4. Q-R5	17. QxKt	17. Kt-B3
5. K-B1	5. P-K Kt4	18. BxP	18. Kt-Q2
6. Kt-KB3	6. Q-R4	19. Q-R4	19. P-QR3
7. P-KR4	7. B-Kt2	20. Q-R5	20. Kt-B1
8. Kt-B3	8. P-QB3 (a)	21. Kt-Kt3	21. Kt-K3
9. B-B4	9. B-Kt5	22. Kt-B5	22. Q-B1 (b)
10. P-Q4	10. Kt-Q2	23. B-Kt3	23. R-Q2
11. K-B2	11. BxKt	24. KtxB	24. QxKt
12. PxB	12. O-O	25. Q-K5	25. QxQ
		26. BxQ	26. P-B3

and White won in another 10 moves.

- (a) P-KR3 should be played either now or on the next move.  
 (b) If QB3, 23 B-K5 wins the Queen.

## POSITION No. 8.

The following position occurred in a game Albin v. Charousek. White (Albin) had K at K8 and P at KB7; Black had K at QB2 and Q at K Kt2. The game concluded:—

White.	Black.
61. K—B8	60. Q—K4 ch
62. K—K7	61. Q—R1 ch
Resigns.	62. Q—Q1 ch

Mr. Sargeant points out that Charousek might on his 60th move have announced mate in 5:—

White.	Black.
61. K—B8	60. Q—Kt3
62. K—K8	61. K—Q3
63. K—Q8	62. Q—R4
	63. Q—R8 ch.
	and mate next move.

The above ending is from Bachmann's collection. Everybody concerned, however, appears to have overlooked the following mate in three, which was pointed out by Mr. Robinson of the Vancouver Chess Club:—

White.	Black.
61. K—B8	60. Q—K4 ch
62. K—K8	61. Q—Kt4
	62. Q—Q8 mate

## CHESS NEWS

Items for this column to be in the hands of F. MacLachlan, 213 Hastings St. East, Vancouver, B. C., by the 25th of each month.

The story is told of a certain old lady who read in the newspaper of the death of an equally old friend who while pursuing his favorite hobby—botany—fell over a precipice. The newspaper informed its readers that he gathered momentum as he fell. "Ah! Poor Professor," sighed the old lady, "true to his hobby till the last." Like the worthy professor, chess has during the last month been gathering momentum.

The winter tournaments are now in full swing in the various clubs. The several matches in the Greater Vancouver Chess League that have taken place are as follows:—

**Major Division.**—On November 17th North Vancouver met the Central team of the Vancouver Club at North Vancouver, the match resulting in a win for the home team by 4 points to 2.

The match of 8th December between the Kitsilano team of the Vancouver Club and North Vancouver ended rather disastrously for the latter, who only gained  $\frac{1}{2}$  point. The score was: Kitsilano  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to N. Vancouver  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The two teams of the Vancouver Club, namely, Kitsilano and Central, met in the Club's rooms on 22nd December. Central won with a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Minor Division.**—The match between Vancouver and North Vancouver which was to have taken place in the Vancouver Chess Club Rooms on 17th November was postponed by mutual agreement.

The following evening the Great War Veterans Chess Club met the B. C. Electric Railway-Co.'s chess club and scored a win.



The game between the Great War Veterans and North Vancouver on 8th December at the latter Club resulted in a win by 4 to 2 for the veterans.

The B. C. Electric Railway Co.'s Chess Club beat the Vancouver Club second team by default on 9th December.

On 30th December North Vancouver team travelled to the B. C. Electric Club, the match resulting in a draw—3 points each.

**Vancouver Chess Club.**—Much regret is expressed at the resignation of the secretaryship by Mr. J. B. Woodthorpe, who is unable to find the time necessary for that work this winter. He has been succeeded by Mr. J. H. Mayer, 410 Granville street, Vancouver; phone Seymour 4701. Prospective members and visiting chess players are urged to get in touch with Mr. Mayer. The final stage of the Knockout Tournament has not yet been reached, but the results will probably be available for next publication.

**North Vancouver Chess Club.**—The points tournament has been concluded, being won by Mr. F. MacLachlan, and a single knock-out tournament is now under way. This club reports good progress. Several new and promising players have been added to the membership.

**B. C. Electric Railway Chess Club.**—Satisfactory progress is being made with the Double Knockout Tournament. The first round, which is completed, contained one or two surprises for prominent players.

**Great War Veterans Chess Club,** under the able leadership of Mr. C. Brennan, well supported by Mr. R. C. Dickson, is making good progress and has already secured a firm position in the minor division of the Greater Vancouver Chess League. Through the courtesy of the Vancouver Chess Club the Great War Veterans have the use of the Vancouver Club's rooms. All veterans interested in the game should communicate with Mr. C. Brennan, 470 Granville Street. Phone Seymour 2790.

**Toronto Chess Club.**—The following important item of news has been forwarded by Mr. R. G. Hunter of the Toronto Chess Club:—

### DOMINION VICTORY CHESS TOURNEY.

February 2nd-9th, 1920.

The tourney will decide the Dominion Championship and is open to any British subject, a bona fide resident of Canada for one year prior to January 15th, 1920, but bona fide military service overseas will be deemed residence.

Entries close January 15th, 1920. Entry fee of \$5.00 to accompany entry. Entries must be in writing and made to the Secretary, S. E. Gale, 65 Church Street, Toronto.

The winner will be entitled to the Canadian championship and become holder of the cup until the next tourney, and receive a cash prize of \$100.00. Second prize is \$60.00 cash, and third \$40.00 cash. If the Association tourney fund is sufficient there will be consolation prizes of a fixed sum per game for each game won. Standard chess clocks will be used to ensure uniform play. Hours of play, rules of play and all other matters incidental to such a tourney will be in the discretion of the committee. For further information, such as hotel rates, etc., write the Secretary.

The tourney expenses must be met by voluntary subscriptions, and those willing to help are asked to send donations to the Treasurer, R. G. Hunter, 156 Yonge Street, Toronto.

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While Vancouver players are disappointed that their efforts to persuade any one of their leading players to represent British Columbia in Toronto have failed, the reasons given by the players approached were not easily controverted. The loss of three weeks and the expense of so long a journey are indeed serious considerations, and we can only hope that the Province will be represented at the next tournament.

The success of the tournament is assured by the names of the officers and committee, and we are looking forward with great interest to the event.

**General News.**—Kent County (England) Chess Association is to be held in Bromley this year, from April 5th-10th. The programme is already drawn up, and includes an open tournament limited to 10 players, a second class tournament limited to 10 players and a third class tournament limited to ten players, a tournament for quick players, knockout tournaments and a war-chess tournament for the championship of Kent. There is also a problem composing competition, an exhibition of curious chess pieces, and a four-handed tournament. Entries should be lodged with the Honorary Secretary of the Association, 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W. 9, England, by 21st March.

In connection with some articles referred to in last June number on "The Perfect Game," the British Chess Magazine has offered a prize book, "One Thousand End Games," for an actual game which shall be adjudged nearest perfection.

The Metropolitan Chess League of New York have a busy season this year. The number of teams entered in the league is the largest in recent years.

Boris Kostich is reported to have returned to America after a visit to his home in Serbia.

The following chess story is pursuing a bright and merry career in Vancouver at present:—

A noted player, whose name has been suppressed, was amusing himself with some chess studies in a wharf-side tavern when three anti-prohibitionist sailors lurched in.

"Umph!" said the first sailor; "is that chess yer playin'?"

"Yes," replied the noted one.

"Well," said the bibulous tar, "I can beat ye at it, and there's a quid to prove it."

The noted player at first demurred, but finally covered the sailor's sovereign. The game was started; but not before the wily salt produced from his pocket a large green stone, and having given it a polish on his sleeve, laid it on the table between him and the board.

The sailor won not only that but several games, to the unbounded surprise of the man of note, who asked the sailor for an explanation.

"It's this way," said the tar, pocketing his winnings. "Once when me and me mates here was broke, we met Old Niek, who says if we'd sell him our souls he'd give us this 'ere stone, which would win for us any game of chess we liked to play by indicatin' the best moves."

It was several years after this strange adventure that the noted player again met the three seamen. They were a very tattered and down-at-heel trio, and were reduced to unsolicited vocal efforts in the public thoroughfares to obtain the means to quench their still undiminished thirst.

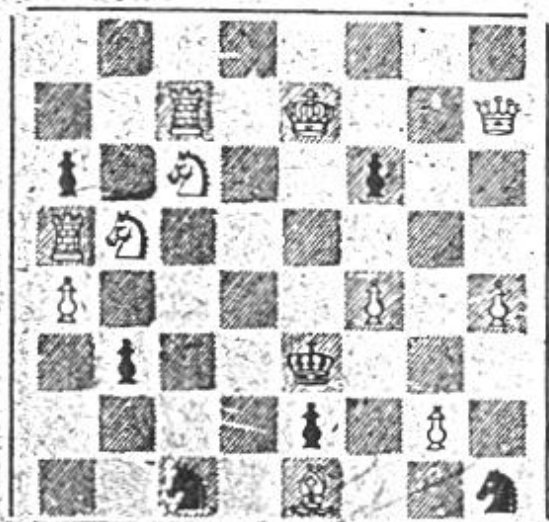
The noted gentleman expressed his surprise and asked what had happened to the stone.



"Well," says one of them, "it was this way, mister. Bill 'ere was drunker than usual one night, and he offered to mate a man with a king and a knight, and the d—— stone exploded."

## PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

Correspondence relative to this department should be addressed to Malcolm Sim, Sand Hill, Ontario.



White mates in three

### PROBLEM No. 30.

By Dr. H. W. Bettmann and M. Sim.

Original.

(Task.)

Romans.

The Roman theme received its name from the fact that the first example, a four-mover by Kohtz and Kockelkorn, was dedicated by the composer to a resident of Rome.

The idea consists in the decoy of a Black piece to a certain rank, file or diagonal, along which the subsequent occupation of the point of intersection with a standing line of defence, advances mate in another direction, generally as a result of self-capture, self-interference or self-block.

Of the three examples below, the first two are bifurcated. The third presents the diagonal advance of a White Pawn to Queen, to make measure:

No. 31: F. Kohnlein | 1K6 | 3p3p | 3B2b1 | 1p1P4 | 1PSk4 | 1Q4SR | 7r | 6br | mate in three.

No. 32: K and K | R2B4 | 3k2S1 | 6Ps | sK2P3 | 2p2S2 | 8 | 1p4r1 | 1b2bQ2 | mate in three.

No. 33: F. Holzhausen | 8 | r7 | 3SP1Pp | pb5k | 4Q2B | K3p3 | 8 | 6br | mate in three.

### NOVEMBER SOLUTIONS.

No. 26: 1. Q—R7. This might perhaps be termed a one-third pin theme. The self-interferences are good condiment. A finished problem.

No. 27: 1. B—KB2! threat; 2. Q—Q4. threat; 3. Q—Rsq mates. If 1. B else, the Black Queen upsets matters at K Kt7.

No. 28: The position as given is correct. The lower rank, being unoccupied, fell to a moment of aberration! Solution next issue.

No. 29: 1. Kt—Kt4, B—R3! 2. Kt—B2, P—B8 (Q); 3. Kt—K3, Q—Kt4; 4. P—Kt4, etc. This can be ranked with the greatest masterpieces.

### SOLVERS.

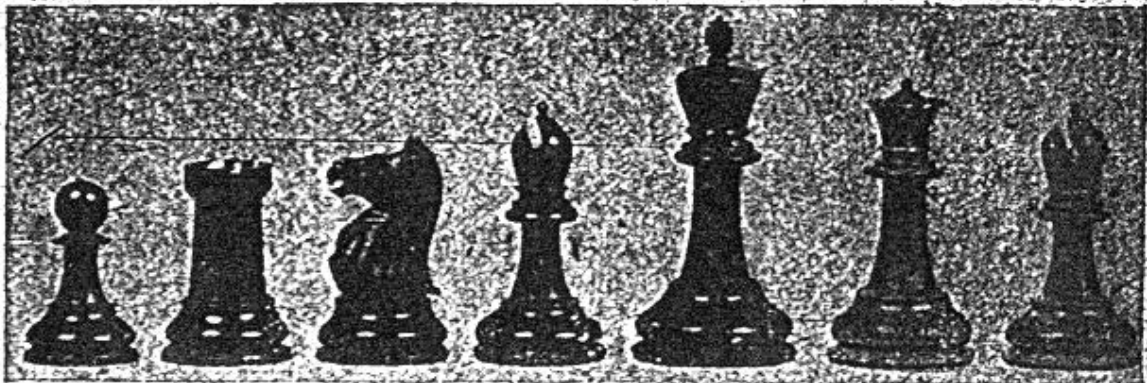
Additional correct solutions of Nos. 22 and 24 received from H. M. Jenkins, North Vancouver. Mr. Jenkins refrained from Nos. 23 and 25 on account of the error in the one case and the omission in the other.

The following are two spicy Canadian contributions to the December Good Companion's Folder:

J. E. Funk | 1B3SS1 | 1K2P2q | 4Rp1r | 5kpp | 2Q5 | 1p6 | 4P1s1 | 1b6 | mate in two.

W. J. Faulkner | 5RR1 | 5B2 | 3Pp3 | 1P2PS2 | 2p1kBQ1 | 2P2S2 | 8 | 1K6 | mate in two.

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