

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

HENRY DEE, HALIFAX.—Kindly show the win in problem 340 if black plays 3-8 as his first move.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 339.—The position was:
Black men 1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 22;
White men 16, 18, 20, 24, 27, 29, 31;
Black to play and win.
32-26 28-33 31-27 11-18
31 22 29 25 32 17 black
13-17 32-27 27-34 wins.
23 6 25 22 19 16
1-28 27-31 8-13
37 23 v-23 19 18 15

VAR.

22 17 26-32 16 12 17-22
31-26 19 18 13-17 3 10
23 19 23-13 12 3 22-6
black wins

GAME 224.—"KELSO-DOCTOR."

Played between T. B. Lynch, of Shubenacadie, (blacks), and W. Forsyth, of Halifax, (whites), at a recent picnic at the former place.

10-15 3-7 12-19 2-7
21 17 31 27 32 27 8 3
9-13 6-10 4-8 19-24
17 14 29 25 27 23 28 24
6-10 11-16 a-8 12 15-24
23 19 24 20 23 16 22 18
10-17 16-19 12-19 14-23
19 10 23 16 20 16 26 19
7-14 12-19 b-10-15 24-27
25 21 27 23 16 12 21 14
1-6 8-12 7-10 10-17
27 23 23 16 12 8 * 3 10

a Mr. T. Frank Hamilton shows a very nice variation here by 10-15, 23 16, 7-11, etc.

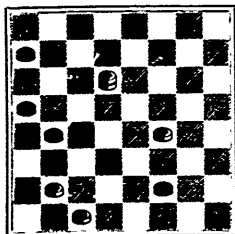
b Mr. Lynch remarked here that he had an easy draw. But, being in a speculative mood, he moved as above. The play that he proposed was as follows:—

19-23 30 23 10-17 14 7
26 19 14-18 21 14 2-20
17-26 23 14 7-10 drawn.

* This brings us to the position which we present as.

PROBLEM 341.

Black men 5, 13, 17, 27.



White men 19, 25, 30, king 10.
White to play. What result?
This position in actual play resulted in a draw. Can anyone handle whites to better advantage?

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MINING CIRCLES QUIET.—Mining matters have been very quiet during the past week. We have nothing new or startling to report, saving that a rich find of gold-bearing quartz has been recently discovered in the western part of Guysboro County. The outlook for a good summer's operation is first rate, and the year promises to keep well up to the average record.

A NEW MINING COMPANY.—The Tennyisco manganese property, near Walton, Hants County, has passed into the hands of the Provincial Manganese Mining Company, Ltd., and a prosperous future seems assured. The property, which has been worked for many years, has yielded a very handsome profit to the former owners, but now that it is to be mined upon an extensive scale and in a systematic manner still better results should be obtained. The demand for manganese is practically unlimited, and as the ore in this property carries a very high percentage of manganese, the profits to be secured are only limited by the amount of ore taken out. The new company, with a capital of \$75,000, is under the management of first-class men, and this fact, coupled with the history of the property, is a pretty fair indication that it will be a dividend-paying investment. Among those interested in the property are D. C. Fraser, M. P., New Glasgow, George F. Joak, J. T. Burgess and Lewis W. Dewar, Halifax.

LONDONDERRY IRON.—Some new developments have recently been made in the iron mines at Londonderry, and we understand that they guarantee of the speedy locating of several new belts of ore. It has always been supposed that the iron deposits at Londonderry were practically inexhaustible, but it is one thing to suppose and another thing to be certain. The systematic prospecting work now being carried on bids fair from present indications to prove the correctness of the supposition. One fine lead has already been definitely located, and the position of several others pretty fairly determined. For the sake of the Londonderry iron works and the workers we hope the present indications may be fully realized.

MOOSE RIVER.—Mr. D. Touquoy brought to town last week from his mine at Moose River a pretty little gold baby weighing 68 ozs., which was milled from low grade ore. The satisfactory and continuous yield of the Moose River mine speaks volumes not only for the value of the mine but for a economical and judicious working under the management of its proprietor Mr. Touquoy. A dozen steady going mines would give Nova Scotia gold mining a great start, and many of our own capitalists would be glad to invest their money in such undertakings. The record of the Moose River mine might readily be repeated over and over again if the same skill as integrity in management could readily be secured.

A coal seam is being opened out by New Glasgow capitalists at its south end. They are working with a view of testing whether the coal is sufficient quantity and good quality to warrant them going into extended operations.—Enterprise.

CENTRAL LAWSON.—Mr. Gould Northrup, manager of the Central Lawson Gold Mining Co., has struck a very rich lead west of the old works.

Some time ago a very rich drift was found west of the mill, and much was spent by different parties to find the lead from which it came, but with success, and the general conclusion arrived at was, that the drift came from the old works, but Mr. Northrup's experience in the district for the last years, and a careful study of the formation and indications, convinced him differently. This spring he determined to find the lead, and, with his usual success, struck a vein from ten to eighteen inches well filled with gold.

There are four or five other rich throws on this property, and Mr. Northrup's success in locating the right spots evinces that he can trace them to their respective leads.

This is very encouraging to the company, for this new find together with the old lead ensures big dividends, and also proves that they have one of the most valuable properties in the Province.

FIFTEEN MILE STREAM.—The Egerton Company, composed of N. Glasgow, N. S., adventurers, purchased in 1877 a number of mining claims on Fifteen Mile Stream gold mining district. A 10-stamp crushing mill had been erected previous to the purchase. This company operated the mine until December 31, 1889. During that time they mined 4,871 tons of quartz, from which they obtained 2,320 ozs. of gold, value \$44,600. They then sold out to another company of New Glasgow men, who styled themselves the New Egerton Company. These men put in a new 15-stamp mill and now hoisting and pumping gear. For the year 1890 they mined and crushed 2,470 tons of quartz, which yielded 2,184 ozs. gold; in 1891, 4,263 tons quartz yielded 2,446 ozs. gold, and for 1892, 2,460 tons quartz which yielded 1,285 ozs. gold. Total for these three years 9,193 tons quartz, gold 5,915 ozs., value \$112,373. For the total period worked by the Egerton and New Egerton companies the number tons quartz raised was 14,070, and the yield of gold 8,235 ozs., value \$156,470. Profits were something in excess of \$40,000. Last winter an amalgamation was completed with the Stanley Company owning adjoining property and work was resumed in May, after stopping through the winter, the management being in the hands of the New Egerton Company. The mine