

THE HANTSFORT FOUNDRY AND MACHINE CO. is now fully equipped and machinery is rapidly being turned out. The works are quite extensive, the buildings cover 150 x 55 feet divided into 5 compartments, viz: foundry, machine shop, blacksmith shop, wood and pattern shop, and finishing and paint shop, all most commodious. The pattern and machine shop are fitted up equal to anything of the size in the country, and they claim to have as fine if not finer set of circular saw mills, cylinder stove sawing machine, self-feed lath machine, shingle and heading sawing machine, and heading turner patterns as can be found in the Dominion. The machine shop is filled with the best and latest improved tools that can be found, and is prepared for heavy work. The foundry will be at work very soon. They are making specialties of Mumford's improved shingle machine and circular saw mill. The shingle machine has been upon the market for some years, and they are now selling on the fifth hundred; the machine has so often been improved that they are now working off the fifth set of patterns. The increase of manufacturing interests in this valley is as it should be, for where there are numbers there are patrons drawn to look for advantages in purchasing. We learn that all our foundries and machine shops are doing well.

The Oxford Manufacturing Company, Woollen Manufacturers, Oxford, employ about 50 hands. They have recently made several improvements, mainly in the line of excellence of productions. Their patterns are more attractive than ever, while the quality of the cloths if anything is an improvement over past years, in which—covering nearly a quarter of a century—the Oxford goods have earned and maintained their high reputation. Inside the mill, however, may be seen some late additions in machinery, viz., automatic feeding machines in the carding rooms, the object of these being to give an evenness of texture to the cloth which cannot be had by the old method of hand-feeding of wool on to the cards. In the finishing mill is a handsome steam press, the use of which effects a saving of some 36 hours in the finishing of a piece of cloth. The work being done now in one hour occupied 1½ days formerly. The output of the mills runs up to about 120,000 yards annually, besides a large quantity of yarn. The quantity of wool consumed is about 125,000 lbs., and no shoddy is used. The waste from the mill is exported, and no doubt often returns in imported shoddy clothing. They have shipped several lots of cloths recently to the Pacific coast. The bulk of the demand, therefore, is imported goods of finer grades of wool than this country produces. They have lately introduced some styles containing small proportions of imported wools which have been favorably received, but consider it more to the interest of our own country to use the wool we produce than to send their money abroad for foreign wools, which give perhaps a finer effect, but not the same durability and satisfaction to the consumer who wants his clothing to stand hard wear and be within the reach of moderate means.

Mr. Rhodes, of Rhodes, Curry & Co., arrived here on Wednesday week with a number of carpenters to work on the Post Office building. The walls are now well up and the second floor will be laid down about the first of the week. The firm and their energetic foreman, Mr. Horne, deserve great credit for the way they have rushed along the work.—*Annapolis Spectator*.

Messrs. C. C. Richards & Co., druggists, etc., of Yarmouth have recently put into their convenient store an \$800 soda apparatus. Their laboratory for the manufacture of Minard's Liniment is a building 60x30 ft. They employ 12 hands continually in this branch of their business, and keep two double teams on the road all the year. Their weekly output is stated to be about 10,000 bottles, including an Ontario business they began last year.—*Annapolis Spectator*.

32 vessels are now building on the Avon River and the Basin of Minas.

We see that the total amount of ice cut in New Brunswick this winter will amount to about 175,000 or 180,000 tons. The shipments for the present are probably about at an end, as the ice houses in New York are nearly filled. The greater part of the ice will probably be shipped during June and July. From estimates of the total ice cut in Canada and the States it is calculated the shortage in the crop is about one million tons as compared with that of other years. Many people are of the opinion, however, that the increase in the price will have the effect of reducing the consumption of the article to such an extent that the shortage will not be felt.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY NOTES.—A new three story wood working factory is being erected at Oxford, N. S. Mr. Treen, the manager, is at present in the U. S. purchasing the machinery, which will cost from \$10,000 to \$12,000. A "boom" has struck Tidnish and several buildings and stores are going up.

Clifford Clappel has the lumber ready and will shortly commence the erection of a hotel at Tidnish.

The Hantsport Foundry & Machine Coy. shipped two carloads of machinery to Lunenburg the past week, a full sawmill outfit consisting of a Rotary mill, Shingle Machine etc. This mill is after a new design. We are glad to note that our foundries and machine shops are doing so well.—*Kentville Star*.

The Lunenburg & Halifax Steam Packet Co. (Limited) having failed to procure a suitable steamer for this purpose, have concluded to build. We understand the work is to be done here, also that stock lists are now open. We are much pleased to note this, as labor given at home means so much cash kept in the place.—*Argus*.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 164.—The position was as follows:—black men 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 15, king 31; white men 12, 17, 20, 28, 29, 30, 32; white to move and win.

17-14	8-3	20-16	13-17
10-17	7-11	28-32	32-27
12-8	3-8	16-11	17-26
3-12	10-15	32-28	27-31
32-27	8-3	11-7	26-22
31-24	15-18	28-32	18-25
28-3	3-8	7-2	29-22
17-22	11-15	32-28	
3-8	8-11	2-6	white
1-6	15-19	28-32	wins.
8-11	11-15	6-9	
6-10	19-24	32-28	
11-8	15-19	9-13	
2-7	24-28	28-32	
a 29 25, 22-29, 15 22, and white			
wins by the first position.			

GAME LIV.

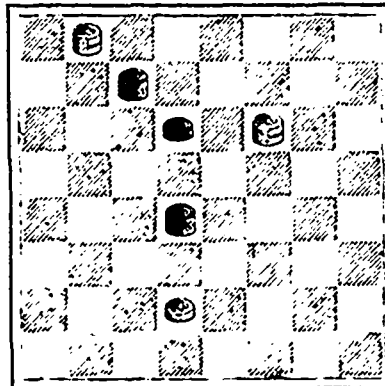
DOUBLE CORNER.—Played between Sergt. Mu. and our Checker Editor.

9-14	6-9	11-15	4-11
22-18	29-25	8-11	19-16
11-15	1-5	15-18	12-19
18-11	27-23	31-27	24-8
8-15	9-13	18-23	22-18
25-22	25-22	11-15	27-24
5-9	5-9	22-25	30-26
24-20	30-25	15-6	8-4
3-8	15-18	2-9	13-17
22-17	22-8	19-15	24-19
8-11	13-29	25-30	17-22
28-24	8-3	15-11	19-16
9-13	9-13	29-25	9-13
23-19	32-28	23-19	28-24
13-22	7-11	25-22	14-17
26-17	3-8	11-8	21-14
drawn			

PROBLEM No. 166.

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