

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All Checker communications and exchanges should be addressed to W. Forsyth, 30 Grafton Street, Halifax.

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THE INTER-PROVINCIAL CHECKER MATCH.—The match between Mr. Henry Gaskin, of St. John, and our Checker Editor, Mr. Wm. Forsyth, began, as already announced, on the 20th, and concluded on the 27th ultimos. The contest excited more interest than we expected would be developed in a home game such as draughts is.

The match was really won by Mr. Forsyth at the close of the thirty-fifth game, but Mr. Gaskin requested that the whole fifty games provided for by the articles of agreement be played, and Mr. Forsyth willingly acquiesced. This, however, made no difference in the relative standing of the two men, as the published score shows—Forsyth 33, Gaskin 8, drawn 9; total 50.

The merits of the players cannot be regarded as settled by the scores made by them at the late match. We are sure that Mr. Gaskin has in him the elements of a great player. With careful study and judicious training he could easily place himself in the front rank as a checker-player.

Mr. Gaskin is well known as a successful blind-fold player, having accomplished the feat of playing four games simultaneously. He has been for several years the checker champion of New Brunswick. He has some poetic taste, and we purpose before long to insert one of his checker poems.

Mr. Forsyth has been some twenty-four years in this country. Before coming here he wrested the championship of his native country, Ayrshire, Scotland, from the now famous William Reid, of Mauchline. Since settling in America he has had no opportunity to engage in important matches until the one just concluded.

Mr. Gaskin has no occasion to blush at being defeated by such a player as Mr. Forsyth, nor has New Brunswick any reason to be ashamed of her champion though he has, this time, suffered a reverse.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F., Shubenacadie.—Your solution to Problem 91 is, in our opinion, superior to that published by us.

SOLVERS, in order to obtain credit for their work in our prize competition, should mail their solutions within a week after the problems are published by us. Solutions, no matter how good, will not be recognized unless this rule is observed.

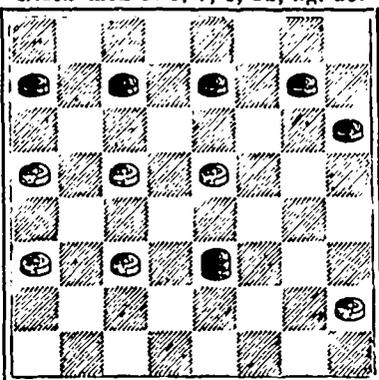
SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 89.—The position in this Problem was as follows:—black men 1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18; white men 10, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32; white to play and win.

10 6 13—22 27 24 3—10
1—10 20 16 20—27 25 4
22 17 11—20 32—7 w. wins

We withhold the solutions of Problems 93 and 94, as our Checker Editor was too much engaged in his match with Mr. Gaskin to prepare them, but they will be presented in our next issue.

PROBLEM No. 96.
The end of a game in the late interprovincial match.
Black men 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, kg. 23.



White men 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28.
Black to move and win.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Chess Editor will answer all communications in next issue. Some solutions sent are correct as far as they go, but it is usual to send two full solutions to 3 move Problems.

Will W. G kindly study the Problems he names again, with the eight of solutions given, and write his reconsidered opinions.

GAME No. 52.
Played at Bradford.
IRREGULAR.

WHITE. BLACK.
Mr. H. E. Bird Mr G. H. Mackenzie.
1 P to KB4 P to Q4
2 P to K3 P to KKt3

.....The King's Fianchetto was recommended and successfully adopted by Steintz v. Zukertort in their first match, as first player, viz., after the moves; 1 P to Q4, P to KB4; 2 P to KKt3. Subsequently that policy was advocated by Mr. Potter for the second player as in the present game. Another way to meet this Opening, which is generally considered unfavorable for the first player, is to develop the King's wing, followed by P to QB4.

3 Kt to KB3 B to Kt2
4 P to Q4 Kt to KB3
5 P to B3 P to Kt3
6 P to QR4

It would have been better to develop the Knight at once. White already labors under the defect of his KP being weak, and by his subsequent manoeuvre he compromises his Q's wing.

..... P to QR3
7 Kt to R3 B to B4
8 B to QKt4 Kt to K5
9 B to Kt2 P to K3
10 B to K2 Kt to Q2
11 Castles P to KR4
12 Kt to B2 P to KKt4
13 P to Kt5 P to R4
14 Kt to K5 P to Kt5

15 Kt to B6 Q to R5
16 Kt to K sq Kt to KB sq
17 P to Kt3

Putting the finger into the enemy's mouth. Mr. Bird likes hair-breadth games, but this is over-timorous.

..... Kt takes P
18 P takes Kt Q takes P ch
19 Kt to Kt2 B to K5
20 R to B2 P to R5
21 B to Q3 B takes B
22 Q takes B P to R6
23 QR to KB sq Kt to Kt3
24 P to B5 Kt to R5
25 R to Q2

Q to K2 would but prolong the game.

..... P takes Kt
26 Resigns.

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Solicitors, etc., 91 Hollis Street.
Halifax, 23rd February, 1889.