

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, N. B.

Government House is situated on the west bank of the St. John, a short distance above Fredericton.

This locality abounds in pleasant prospects. The surrounding country is well cultivated. Commodious homesteads peeping through groves of elm, butternut and maple dot the wide range of park-like landscape. The river divided here and there with fertile islands flows in a broad majestic stream through the valley. High lands rise gently on either side, clothed with forest and farms. On a fine day, and they have many and very warm ones in this latitude, the views from the Gubernatorial Mansion are surpassingly beautiful and suggestive of peace, plenty and contentment.

The above residence was commenced in the spring of 1826 and completed in 1828. The architect was J. Hennegar of St. John, the contractor Jedediah Staddon. It cost £20,000, (twenty thousand pounds.) It is constructed of Provincial freestone, some of which was quarried in the neighbourhood, the quoins were brought from the famous freestone ledges of Westmoreland County. It is surrounded by 23 acres, three of which are laid out in gardens and pleasure grounds. The giant beets, mammoth squashes, and other overgrown specimens of root and vegetable life raised on this model farm have generally taken high class premiums at the York County Agricultural Fairs.

The following is a list of Lieut.-Governors who have from time to time reigned over this domain:

- Lieut.-Governor Sir Howard Douglas,
- Administrator, President Black,
- Lieut.-Governor Major-General Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart,
- " " " " Sir John Harvey, K. C. B.,
- " " " " Lt.-Col. Sir William Colebrooke, K. H.,
- " " " " Sir Edmund Head, Bart,
- " " " " Hon. J. Manners Sutton,
- " " " " Hon. Arthur Gordon,
- Administrator, Col. J. A. Cole, H. M. 15th Regiment,
- Lieut.-Governor Major-General H. Doyle,
- Administrator, Col. P. Harding, C. B., H. M. 22nd Regt.,
- The present Lieut.-Governor, Hon. Mr. Wilnot.

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WOODSTOCK, N. B.

Woodstock is one of the oldest points of settlement in the Province of New Brunswick. Here several of the loyalists, on their advent into the Province, made their homes. It is an incorporated town of some two thousand inhabitants, prettily situated on elevated ground on the western side of the River St. John. Its water scenery afforded by the river flowing by its front and the "Medwaykag," a fine manufacturing stream, which interests the town, gives it and the adjoining landscapes picturesqueness and variety. It has, especially in summer, to the traveller approaching from whatever quarter, a fresh, cool, inviting look.

The County of Carleton justly ranks as the richest in agricultural capability and mineral resource in the Province. Of this county Woodstock is the commercial centre and, to a large extent, the sales-agent. For a distance of one hundred and thirty miles, above the Province extends, and the St. John, the great natural highway for traffic, bears through a fertile cultivated, populous, and industrious continuity of settlements, the exports and imports to and from Woodstock, which is the intermediate port of transshipment.

Woodstock is one hundred and fifty miles distant from St. John and sixty-four from Fredericton. During the greater part of the summer steamers ply between these places, in spring and fall extending their trips as far as Grand Falls, seventy miles above Woodstock. By a branch, eleven miles in length, Woodstock is connected with the N. B. & C. Railroad, whose terminus is at St. Andrews and St. Stephens, and at McAdam's Junction, fifty miles distant, with the E. & N. A. Railroad, from St. John to Bangor, which crosses the former road at the junction named. Thus Woodstock has facilities for extensive trade. South, east and west are arms open inviting the trade of the great up river regions that must flow through Woodstock. A new era is about to dawn upon this town; a new impulse about to be given to its prospects, by the construction of the proposed Riverview-Loup Railroad, which will connect with the lines already named, by a bridge across the river at or near Woodstock, and a short branch passing through the town.

Woodstock is already the seat of some active, thriving industries, there being here several well-appointed lumber mills and two extensive iron foundries. Having an enterprising community, abundant material resources, superior natural and artificial advantages for trade, commercial, agricultural and manufacturing, the fortune of this town appears most bright and promising.

RUINS OF THE IRON BLOCK, TORONTO.

On the night of Wednesday, the 14th ult., a conflagration broke out on Front Street, Toronto, by which one of the handsomest rows of buildings in the city—that known as the Iron Block—was almost totally destroyed. The block contained eleven stores, each of which cost \$11,000. The three western stores were the property of Mr. M. Staunton; the next four were owned by Mr. James Myles, and the remaining four belonged to Messrs. Thomson and Burns. With one exception all these stores were occupied, the majority as wholesale dry goods warehouses. The block, which was only completed last fall, was, in appearance at least, one of the finest buildings in the city. An opinion had been expressed, however, by several builders and architects that the walls were not sufficiently strong to support the weight of the massive iron front, and on the night of the fire not a few were to be found who expressed their gratification at the prospect of the destruction of a building which might at any time collapse, and occasion much loss of life and destruction to property.

The fire, which broke out about ten o'clock, originated in one of the centre stores—that occupied by Messrs. Charlesworth & Co.—and despite the vigorous efforts of the firemen, speedily spread to the adjoining stores. Those at the eastern end were the first to go, and about half-past three o'clock the upper part of the east wall fell with a fearful crash, breaking through the side wall of the Custom House, and entirely demolishing two rooms. Fortunately the entries, books, and other papers, together with the cash belonging to the Department, were removed in safety into the Messrs. McMaster's new building, as were also the contents of the old wooden examining warehouse, which, although it was under a con-

tinuous shower of sparks during the whole night, escaped without being injured in the slightest degree. On the following day Mr. Smith telegraphed to Ottawa, asking what he was to do for office-room, and was told to try and manage the business of the Custom House in the eastern side of the building for the present. The old building, as a new Custom House is to be erected on its site, will be pulled down forthwith.

By ten o'clock in the morning, when the firemen ceased playing upon the ruins, the whole of the magnificent block, with the exception of the three western stores, was destroyed. About five o'clock on Thursday evening the fire, which had been smouldering among the debris in the basement of one of the buildings, a little to the westward of the centre of the block, broke out into flames again. An engine was consequently sent for, and poured water on that portion of the ruins for about an hour and a half, at the end of which time the fire was apparently completely extinguished. No clue has yet been discovered to the origin of the fire.

The following are the names of the owners of the buildings destroyed, with their value and amount of insurance, as given by the *Leader*:—Thomson & Burns, three warehouses valued at \$36,000, destroyed. Insured for \$23,000 in three offices. Declined to give names.

Mr. W. Myles, four warehouses, value \$18,000, destroyed. Insured in the Scottish Imperial, Edinburgh and London, Liverpool and Globe offices for \$36,000. Loss, \$12,000.

Mr. M. Staunton, four warehouses; two destroyed, value, \$24,000. Insured in the Western, Liverpool and Lancashire, Liverpool and London, and the London Corporation Insurance offices for \$25,000 on the four warehouses. Loss, \$13,000.

The above gentlemen, we understand, intend commencing to rebuild as soon as the debris has been cleared away and the weather admits.

The following are the losses of stock with amounts of insurance as follows:—Messrs. Dobbin & Carie, loss about \$10,000, covered by insurance as follows:—In the Scottish Imperial, \$26,000; Guardian, \$10,000; Imperial, \$10,000; Western, \$5,000; Citizens, \$5,000; Lancashire, \$10,000; Andes, \$2,500; Queen City, \$2,500; Scottish Fire, \$5,000; Total, \$70,000.

This firm will be open for business, at once, in the store lately occupied by C. Moore & Co., on Wellington Street.

Jennings & Brandon—Loss not heavy; covered by insurance.

Thos. Walls & Co. are very heavy losers, to the extent of \$60,000 to \$70,000. Mr. Walls having opened \$20,000 worth of goods on the day of the fire. Part of the loss is covered by insurance. Mr. Walls at once rented a store on Yonge Street, and is getting his goods in order to start again immediately.

Charlesworth's loss of stock is about \$70,000. Insurance as follows:—Ethna, \$4,000; North British, \$6,000; Commercial, \$6,000; Lancashire, \$6,000; Northern, \$2,000; Scottish Imperial, \$15,000. Loss over insurance, \$20,000. This firm will also re-open almost immediately, at the premises next to T. Griffith's & Co., No. 35 Front Street.

Messrs. John Robertson & Co. are also heavy losers, to the extent of \$50,000 or \$60,000. Their loss is partly covered by insurance for \$1,000, as follows:—Scottish Imperial, \$14,000; Imperial, \$10,000; London, Liverpool & Globe, \$8,000; and the Andes, \$8,000.

Messrs. Livingston, Johnston & Co., and Messrs. Barclay & Evans are heavy losers. Partly insured.

Messrs. Jennings & Brandon, and Messrs. Brunel & Russell are not very heavy losers. Insured.

SCOTTISH LASSIES.

This picture is after a painting by Mr. John Phillip, R.A., who died in February, 1867. The Lassies, Phillip's own countrywomen, are two buxom maidens of the true rustic type of the North: short-skirted and bare-footed in all probability we should find them if the artist had drawn them full length; well skilled they must be in all the duties of the farmyard, though these apparently are not just now engaging their thoughts as they proceed to milk the kine, the fresh air from the heather-clad mountains helping to invigorate their hardy frames and heightening the colour of their cheeks. The composition is boldly designed, and is vigorously treated, with none of the semblance of court-beauties which artists are too often accustomed to present to us in their ideas of rustic belles.

TOBOGGANING ON FLETCHER'S HILL, MONTREAL.

The scene illustrated by our artist on the two middle pages of this number is one with which most of our Montreal readers are familiar. On a bright moonlight night, when the air is frosty, and the snow hard and crisp, Fletcher's Hill, at the back of the Hotel Dieu, becomes the rendez-vous of all the adventurous spirits who delight in riding down a steep hill at a break-neck rate, at the risk of having a spill such as that with which one party in our illustration has met. Let all such take warning by the sad experience of poor young Downytip, as set forth in a recent number.

LONGUEUIL REGATTA PRIZE CUPS.

In the present issue we give illustrations, from photographs by Notman, of the three cups competed for at the Longueuil Regatta on the 14th and 15th September last. The cups are worth about fifty dollars each, and were manufactured by Messrs. Hawksworth, Eyre & Co., of Sheffield, England. The workmanship is very creditable to the manufacturers.

SEVENTEEN MILE POST, FRASER RIVER.

The scenery on the Fraser River, B. C., is in many parts admirable. The country through which it passes has already been so fully described in our columns (*vide* Rev. Mr. Dawson's papers) that we need simply to call attention to the illustration of the Seventeen Mile Post, which appears in this issue.

Miss Farnham, the Inventor and Patentee of the Princess Louise Chart, is giving lessons at Madame G. de Fontange's, 251 St. James Street, Montreal, from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m.; at Albion Hotel from 7 to 9 p.m., for a few weeks only. Agents wanted in every City and Village in Canada. 5-10 a

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. R. W.—"The Farewell" is declined with thanks. We are at present very fully supplied with such contributions.

A young man who travelled through New Jersey says he saw some land there so poor that you couldn't raise a disturbance on it.

CHESS.

Solutions to problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

A. P. Lewis.—Your solution of Problem No. 40 was duly received; quite correct.

The score in the match by telegraph, Toronto v. Hamilton, shows three games for the former city, two for the latter, and one game is undecided; only five minutes were allowed for each move, the three being permitted, however, for four moves on each side, and the moves were the same as in play over the board. We give below the first game from the *Globe*.

The two consultation games, Toronto v. Seaforth, were both won by the former city.

GAME 1.—HAMILTON AND TORONTO.

KING'S BISHOP'S OPENING.

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| White. (Hamilton.)    | Black. (Toronto.)       |
| Mr. C. F. Robertson.  | Prof. Chas. Riman.      |
| 1. P. to K. 4th.      | P. to K. 4th.           |
| 2. B. to Q. B. 4th.   | Kt. to K. B. 3rd.       |
| 3. P. to Q. 3rd.      | B. to K. 2nd.           |
| 4. P. to K. R. 3rd.   | P. to Q. B. 2nd.        |
| 5. Kt. to K. B. 3rd.  | Castles.                |
| 6. Kt. takes P. (a)   | Q. to K. 4th. ch.       |
| 7. P. to Q. B. 3rd.   | Q. takes Kt.            |
| 8. P. to K. B. 4th.   | Q. to Q. B. 2nd.        |
| 9. B. to Q. Kt. 3rd.  | P. to Q. 4th.           |
| 10. P. to K. 5th.     | Kt. to K.               |
| 11. B. to K. 3rd.     | P. to K. B. 3rd.        |
| 12. P. to Q. 4th.     | P. takes P.             |
| 13. Q. P. takes P.    | B. to K. 5th. ch.       |
| 14. K. to Q. 2nd.     | Q. to K. B. 2nd.        |
| 15. Q. to K. B. 3rd.  | Q. to K. 3rd.           |
| 16. P. to K. Kt. 4th. | P. to Q. 3rd. (b)       |
| 17. P. takes P.       | B. takes B.             |
| 18. P. takes B.       | Q. takes P. at Kt. 3rd. |
| 19. K. to B.          | B. to K. 2nd.           |
| 20. K. B. to R. 2nd.  | Kt. to Q. R. 3rd.       |
| 21. Kt. to Q. B. 3rd. | Kt. to Q. R. 3rd.       |
| 22. Q. to K. 4th.     | Kt. to Q. 4th.          |
| 23. B. to Q. 2nd.     | B. to Q. Kt. 5th.       |
| 24. Q. to B. 2nd.     | Q. takes Q.             |
| 25. K. takes Q.       | B. takes Kt.            |
| 26. P. takes B.       | Kt. takes K. B. P.      |
| 27. R. to c.          | P. to K. 3rd.           |
| 28. K. to Q. Kt.      | P. to Q. Kt. 3rd.       |
| 29. R. to Kt. 3rd.    | K. to K. B. 2nd.        |
| 30. B. to K. 3rd.     | R. to K. B. 4th.        |
| 31. R. to K.          | Kt. to Q. 4th.          |
| 32. B. to Q. 2nd.     | Kt. takes Q. P. ch.     |
| 33. K. to Kt. 2nd.    | Kt. to K. 3d.           |
| 34. P. to R. 4th.     | P. to Q. Kt. 4th.       |
| 35. P. to Kt. 5th.    | P. to Q. R. 4th.        |
| 36. P. to c. 5th.     | Q. R. to K. B.          |
| 37. P. to Kt. 6th.    | R. to K. B. 7th.        |
| 38. P. takes P. ch.   | K. takes P.             |
| 39. R. to K. 3rd.     | R. takes K. R.          |
| 40. R. takes R.       | R. to K. B. 4th.        |
| 41. P. to Q. B. 4th.  | Kt. to Q. Kt. 3rd.      |
| 42. P. takes P.       | P. takes P.             |
| 43. B. to B. 3rd.     | Kt. to R. 5th. ch.      |

And Hamilton resigns.

- (a) The remainder of the game loses much of its interest after such an oversight as this: White has now an almost hopeless battle.
- (b) The beginning of a crushing counter-attack.

ENIGMA No. 22.

White—K. at Q. R. 4th. R. at K. B. 3rd. and K. R. 5th. B. at Q. Kt. 3rd. and Q. B. 7th. Kt. at Q. R. 7th. P. at K. B. 3rd. and Q. 3rd.

Black—K. at Q. B. 4th. P. at Q. Kt. 5th. and Q. B. 7th.

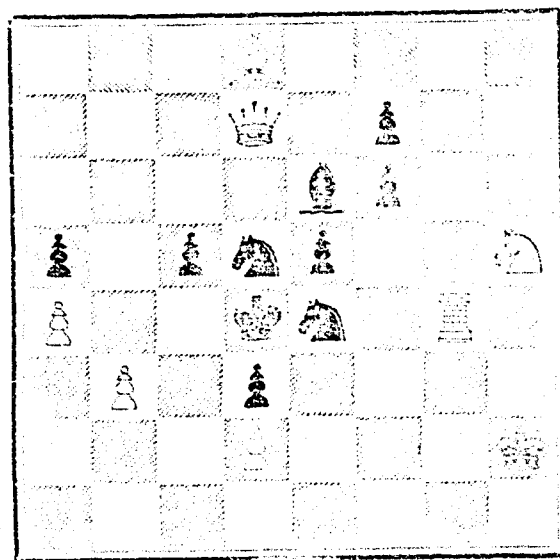
White to play, and mate in three moves.

The above is from the *Dubuque Chess Journal*, a monthly magazine, devoted entirely to Chess.

PROBLEM No. 41

By J. W.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF ENIGMA No. 21.

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| White.              | Black.      |
| 1. Q. to Q. Kt. 2nd | B. takes Q. |
| 2. R. mates.        |             |

VARIATIONS.

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| 1.                      | R. takes Q. |
| 2. Kt. mates.           |             |
| 1.                      | Kt. moves.  |
| 2. Kt. mates.           |             |
| 1.                      | R. takes B. |
| 2. Q. to Kt. 5th. mate. |             |
- Other variations are obvious from the above.