

the great mineral wealth surrounding Fort William has not yet had a chance, though it now bids fair to come into its own. At the present writing the agents of United States mining men are in Thunder Bay district in search of the low-grade iron ores with which it abounds. At present time huge quantities of iron pyrites are shipped by water from the local ore docks after being mined inland some distance from Fort William.

The Kaministiquia Power Company, from whose plant Fort William is supplied with light and power, have 35,000 horse power available to-day. This is transmitted from the company's plant with a double cable so that the possibility of any interruption to service is reduced to a minimum. The Kaministiquia Power Company, anticipating future calls, have reserves sufficient to double or treble this supply on very short notice. Over and above the power developed at Kakabeka Falls by the Kaministiquia Company there is in every direction and close to Fort William enormous water power, the Dog Lake Falls and Nipigon Falls being two huge possibilities that have not yet been harnessed.

The city's supply of drinking water is obtained from Loch Lomond, 333 feet above the city. The water in this basin filters first through a watershed of loam and is conserved in a giant bowl of pure granite. This, it is said, accounts for the water's curious clarity and purity. It comes to the faucet of the Fort William householder ice-cold, without a pump or artificial accelerator of any kind being used. The pressure may be varied from 85 pounds to 115 pounds to the square inch, by mechanical controls. The system was installed in 1909, at a cost of over a million dollars, the water being conveyed through an 18-inch pipe line, part of which is tunnelled through the rock of McKay Mountain.

All of Fort William's utilities are city-owned and city controlled. Water, light, telephone and street car service are all owned by Fort William, and operated by her own salaried managers. Though the power for the operation of lights and street railway is supplied by the Kaministiquia Company, Fort William City buys it in a block at her borders and handles and distributes it through her own sub-station. Whether or not from a financial point of view it pays for a city to own utilities will not be discussed here, but at any rate Fort William gets first-class service from all these departments year in and year out and she is learning how to manage them with the minimum of expense.

## Will Col. Laverne Enlist?

(Concluded from page 6.)

Townships and the Anglo part of Montreal? And would Mr. Laverne begin a French-Canadian Zionist movement back to the St. Lawrence, instead of back to Palestine?

These outcomes of his secessionist idea did not seem to be very clear. His treatment of them was charmingly negligent. But every propaganda must be impractical somewhere or it would lose its hold on the imagination.

He had said enough to prove that he has a very vivid notion of what Canadianism means to his compatriots. He does not believe in coercion, but in a Canada free to do as she nationally pleases from ocean to ocean and from the Great Lakes to the North Pole.

"We believe that Toronto and Winnipeg and Vancouver and Regina and Calgary have as much at stake in this idea of Canadianism as we have."

It appeared to me that Laverne would have the two root races in this country equally enthusiastic about themselves, their origins and their destinies. The grandson of Bill Thomson, out on the second concession, Tp. of Buckhorn, county of Middlesex, should be as much of a Nationalist as the great-grandson of Louis Lafamme, born within sound of the parish bells of Nicolet. The basic idea common to

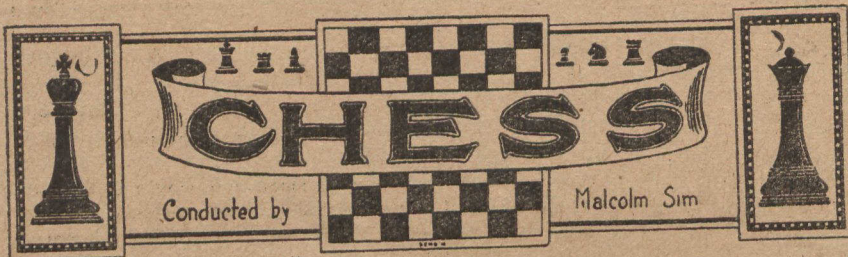
both should be Canada, in the Empire or out. That the Ontario landson looks across the sea to England while the Quebec landson pays no heed to France is no reason in Laverne's philosophy for any cleavage. We are all Canadians. If we differ about the Empire that is only a circumstance. There may be a greater fact than Empire. The world over that fact may be nationalism, sane, progressive, regardless of its past, not too cocksurely certain of its future. And in the grand aggregate of nationalisms that of Quebec is but one.

To Armand Laverne, however, it seems to be a hopeful member of the group. To his way of thinking every French-Canadian is a potential Nationalist. If for the present he votes Grit or Tory, that is a mere expedient. If he pays court and tribute to the priest, it is in spiritual matters only. And if a few thousand French-Canadians prefer to go to the trenches in a war concerning which Canada was not consulted, except as an automatic part of the Empire, that is merely a proof that freedom of action is conceded to everybody in a practical republic.

One of the most startling surprises of Laverne was his statement that the school is usually the first concern of any Quebec parish. I had always imagined the big overgrown little cathedral of a church was the first item in that civilization; that the priest is more important than the

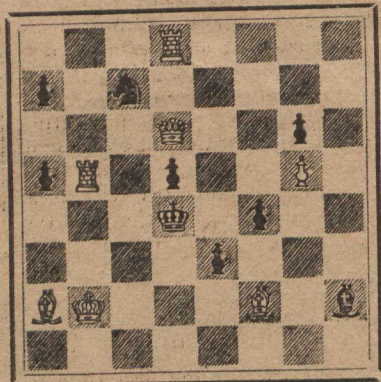
pedagogue. According to Laverne, not so. The schools are efficient; technical education is forward; the state of public intelligence among the habitants is encouraging; there is no miasma of mediaeval ignorance.

The Anglo-Canadian is accused of not comprehending the French-Canadian. Let us admit it—and find a remedy. But suppose we suggest to Mr. Laverne that it is as much the privilege of Quebec to understand that Ontario is not essentially a province of bigots as it is for Ontario to know that Quebec is not a land of mediaevalism and mummery. It will accomplish nothing for the Lavernes and Bourassas to entrench themselves behind the dogma that Ontario is willfully blind, eternally bigoted and a province of Prussianism. It will accomplish just as little for Imperialists of any calibre to thump the Round Table and declare that because men like Laverne and Lamarche do not take stock in the Empire as they see it, they are necessarily traitors to the cause of Canada. It will accomplish everything in the desire of all who seek to promote amity between the two great root races of Canada if all French-Canadians who believe in themselves and in the great destiny of their Province in Confederation will make it possible for men like Col. Laverne to prove that they are not traitors to the cause of a united Canada.



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PROBLEM No. 88, by H. W. Bettmann. Specially contributed to the "Courier." Black—Nine Pieces.



White.—Seven Pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Problem No. 89, by F. F. L. Alexander.

British Chess Magazine, Sept., 1916.

White: K at KR7; Q at KK8; R at Q7; B at K6; Kts at Qsq and KB3; Ps at KK12, KK13 and KR4.

Black: K at K5; Rs at QB8 and KR4; Bs at QRsq and QR2; Kts at QR4 and KRsq; Ps at K2, KK14 and KR3.

Mate in two.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 83, by W. J. Faulkner.

1. R-B4, K-R3; 2. R-KR4, K-R4; 3. Q-K4, KtxQ; 4. R-KB4, K-R3; 5. Kt-Kt5, R-KtxR; 6. R-B5, K moves; 7. B-Kt3, KtxBxR mate. This composition is well worked out to prevent duals.

Problem No. 84, by L. Rothstein.

1. R-K5, R-B3; 2. P-Q6 mate. 1. .... B-B4; 2. B-B8 mate. 1. .... KKT-Q5; 2. Q-B3 mate. 1. .... QKT-Q5; 2. Q-R3 mate. 1. .... threat; 2. Kt-K6 mate.

Problem No. 85, by Rev. J. Jespersen.

1. B-K4, PxR; 2. Q-KB7, KtxB; 3. QxBPch, BxQ mate. 1. .... KtxR; 2. Kt-Kt4ch, PxKt; 3. QxBPch, BxQ mate. 1. .... QxR; 2. Q-Kt6ch, PxQ; 3. B-QKt7ch, QxB mate. 1. .... QxP; 2. Kt-Kt4ch, PxKt; 3. QxRPch, QxQ mate. 1. .... threat; 2. R-B6ch, B-K3 disch; 3. Q-QB8ch, RxQ mate.

SOLVER'S LADDER.

(First Week, Oct. 14.)

	No. 79.	No. 80.	Total.
P. W. Pearson	2	3	63
W. J. Faulkner	2	3	46
R. G. Hunter	2	0	40
J. R. Ballantyne	0	0	20
J. Kay	2	3	5

(Second Week.)

	No. 81.	No. 82.	Total.
P. W. Pearson	0	0	63
W. J. Faulkner	0	3	49
R. G. Hunter	0	0	40
J. R. Ballantyne	2	3	25
J. Kay	0	0	5

The scoring this week is only 8 above zero!

To Correspondents.

(J. Kay) Game recorders. British Chess Magazine, 15 Elmwood Lane, Leeds, Eng. Send money order, \$1 for 1,000.

BRILLIANCY BY CORRESPONDENCE.

P. J. Wortman, of Dayton, Ohio, was awarded the Cartier brilliancy prize (donated by A. Cartier, of Montreal) for the following neat victory over C. H. Stephenson, of Washington, D.C., in the correspondence tournament of "The Pawn." The notes are our own.

Sicilian Defence.

White.	Black.
P. J. Wortman.	C. H. Stephenson.
1. P-K4	1. P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	2. Kt-QB3
3. P-Q4	3. PxP
4. KtxP	4. P-K3 (a)
5. Kt-Kt5	5. P-Q3 (b)
6. B-KB4	6. P-K4 (c)
7. B-K3	7. P-QR3 (d)
8. KKT-B3	8. Kt-B3
9. Kt-Q5 (e)	9. KtxKt (f)
10. PxKt	10. Kt-K2
11. Kt-B3	11. P-QKt4
12. P-QR3	12. B-Kt2
13. B-Q3	13. Q-R4
14. Castles	14. P-B4 (g)
15. R-Ksq	15. P-Kt3
16. B-Kt5	16. Q-B2 (h)
17. B-B6	17. R-KKtsq
18. Q-Q2	18. Q-B4
19. QR-Qsq	19. KtxP
20. BxKP (i)	20. PxP
21. RxPch	21. K-B2 (j)
22. B-K4 (k)	22. PxP
23. KtxKP	23. Q-B3
24. Kt-Kt5ch	24. K-Kt2
25. RxKt	25. B-K2
26. Q-Q4ch	26. Q-B3 (l)
27. R-Q7	27. QxQ
28. R(Qsq)xQ	28. B-QBsq
29. RxPch	29. K-B3
30. R-B7ch	30. KxKt
31. P-R4ch	31. K-R3
32. P-KKt4 (m)	32. R-Rsq
33. P-KB3	33. B-K3
34. R-K7	34. QR-Ksq
35. R-QB7	35. B-Bsq
36. R-KB4	36. R-K3 (n)
37. R-B8 (o)	Resigns.

(a) An old, and now, little adopted continuation.

(b) 5. .... P-QR3; 6. Kt-Q6ch. BxKt; 7. QxB, O-K2; 8. Q-Kt3, P-B4 is the correct play.

(c) Now this weakening advance is forced.

(d) Loss of time. Kt-B3 should have been played.

(e) This advance has no lasting value.

9. P-K2 and 10. Castles, followed by P-B4 was a better policy.

(f) If 9. .... KtxP, of course White continues 10. B-Kt6, followed by Kt-B7ch.

(g) A courageous advance, especially

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