

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our request for solutions to problem No. 148 has brought out quite a number of responses, in which the following places have been represented and several new names added to our list of solvers:

Halifax, Dartmouth, Shubonacdie, Yarmouth, Mahone Bay, Antigonish and Ottawa have sent one or more solutions. We hope this interest will be continued during the present year.

Solution to problem No. 148 Black men 2, 13, kings 18, 26; white men 11, 17, kings 8, 10; white to play and win.

17 14 9-18 8 31 17-21 18-9 11 7 13-17 26 22 19 14 2-11 31 26 w. wins.

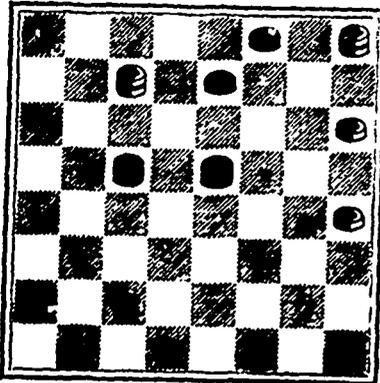
GAME No. 43.

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a This form problem No. 143. b In game 36, 23 14. c 18-22 will win here. d This was sent by one of our best solvers as a solution to problem 143. but the position left we hold is a black win and give it as

PROBLEM No. 150.

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White men 12, 20, kings 4, 6. Black to play and win.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find receipt for the amount enclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Mr. G. S. Harrington has accepted the nomination for Annapolis Co.

Clarke has been re-elected mayor of Toronto, and Erratt of Ottawa, by very large majorities.

We have received No. 20 of The Head Light, (the first which has come to hand) a new Tiuro journal, to which we wish success.

Woman's franchise will be vigorously pushed forward in the approaching Ontario elections. Mrs. Mary Howells will stump the province.

The firemen of Halifax are to be insured against all accidents in the Manufacturers Company at the rate of \$5.85 per head per annum

The authoress of the pretty story "Daisy," which we noticed last week, informs us that Marshall Saunders is her real name and not a nom de plume.

The new Chalmers Church in Kingston, Ont., was opened on Sunday last. The services were conducted by Principal Grant and Rev. Dr. Burns. of Halifax.

Health Inspector Nicholas Meagher has visited the tenement houses of Halifax, and reports some of them unfit to live in and many in a very bad condition.

Mr. R. J. Hartshorne, Liberal Conservative candidate for Guysboro, died suddenly at Pulaski City, Va., a few days ago, where he had gone to bring home his widowed sister, Mrs. Tate and her family.

Senator Trunde, who has been lying at death's door for some time, has taken a sudden turn for the better, and his physicians say that unless further complication sets in he has a great chance of recovering.

Sir John Macdonald will celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday of the 16th inst. The citizens of Ottawa propose giving him a banquet irrespective of party. Sir John is personally a great favorite in the capital.

The steamer Harlaw, which arrived last Friday from the west coast of Newfoundland, brought the report that 130 families at Flowers Cove, Sts. of Belle Isle, are in a starving condition, and unless relieved will certainly perish of starvation.

According to custom, the first week of the new year has been observed as a week of prayer by many of the churches. Meetings have been held in Association Hall every morning, and in one or another of the churches every evening throughout the week.

Dr. Bourinot, clerk of the House of Commons, has been honored by the Queen with the distinction of a Companionship in the order of St. Michael and St. George. Dr. Bourinot is a Nova Scotian by birth, and is distinguished for his literary attainments.

The local legislature of Quebec opened on Tuesday. Lieut.-Governor Angers, in his speech, announced among other things that the legislature would be called upon to pass an act granting 100 acres of land to the parent of at least 12 living children born in lawful wedlock.

John Gibson, one of the founders of the well-known firm of Bauld, Gibson & Co., died on Saturday evening last in the 84th year of his age. Mr. Gibson was a member of St. Andrew's Church, and at the morning service Rev. D. M. Gordon made a touching reference to the deceased gentleman.

We have to thank the St. John Evening Gazette for its courtesy in sending us a charming little selection, put together in a style of simple good taste, of patriotic extracts from some of our poets. They are eight in number, and we find appended to them the names of J. Hunter Duvar, H. H. Pitman, Kay Livingstone, Alex. McLuchlan, Charles Sangster, A. W. W. Dale, J. F. Herbin and H. L. Spencer.

Mr. John Moir, son of the late Alex. Moir, while working in the found and machine shop of W. & A. Moir on Saturday last, was terribly burned by molten copper and brass from the furnace which he was assisting to lift in a crucible. He slipped and the vessel tipped over, spilling some of the contents on his left loin and running down his leg. In his struggles he fell and rolled in the red hot metal, burning his left hand, arm and side terribly.

The rumor that the W. & A. Railway is to be bought out by the Canada Pacific, New Brunswick, Maine Central & Boston Railroads, and fast steamers put on the route between Annapolis and St. John, has caused a good deal of talk in the city. It is claimed that passengers can be landed in Halifax by this means three hours sooner than by the I. C. Railway. There are, however, reasons to which we may allude next week for doubting the truth of the report.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of calendars from the Barber & Ellis Comp., Bookbinders, etc., Toronto and Montreal; the American Press Association; Holloway Brothers, Book & Job Printers; the Guardian Fire & Life Assurance, Thomson & Devlin, agents in Halifax, clear and handsome; and the Nova Scotia Nursery, Lockman St. This last is embellished with a face so handsome as to provoke the question whether that is the sort of flower they raise in that establishment?

Andrew Carnegie, the Pittsburg millionaire, has a severe attack of la grippe.

There are 28 Japanese students in the various departments of the Michigan University.

The Harbor of Oakland, Cal., is swarming with sardines. They gather about the wharves, where they are scooped up in boxes, barrels and even hats.