

Cooden Camp Chess Club.

(OVER C's OR ALL C's OVER)

MEETS AT THE "Y."

There are two outfits in this burg over which enthusiasm runs high and, is not wasted, but readers of this column of the "Rag" are only to be interested in one, and that is the club of the four C's.

The system of promotion is simply wonderful! You can join the club as a pawn, and by good play or luck it is possible to become a King in about three weeks; and you need have no "stand in" with any premier or general, for one reason, such "fry" are not recognised; but even if you are fortunate enough to become a King, you have to work, or rather play, to keep your position—and unfortunately you need brains to do that, bad luck! isn't it? Still, join us: you are certain of being a pawn, and that's a start, and if you defeat a knight you become a knight; then by beaking a bishop you are entitled to the mitre (it was noticed the padre soon passed that dignity, or did he feel the responsibility?—he is now "Queen.") After the mitre comes the castle or "rook" class, then the highest dignity of Queen, then, finally, the supreme majesty of King.

You have to play twice weekly, or go down by default to your opponent, if he has kept the engagement. Just watch the notice board at the "Y," and each Monday and Thursday morning you will see who your opponent is, and all you have to do is to find him and beat him at the time specified—which is quite simple.

During the first three weeks of July six chess tournaments were held, at which forty-three games were played in all. The results were:—

Names.	Won.	Lost.	Perctg.
aPte. Thorsteinson	.. 1	.. 0	100
aPte. Howarth	.. 1	.. 0	100
Pte. Crookhall	.. 4	.. 1	80
Capt. Connon	.. 3	.. 1	75
Pte. Watkins	.. 3	.. 1	75
Pte. Farrant	.. 4	.. 2	67
Mr. Greenslade	.. 2	.. 3	60
L-Cpl. Luckraft	.. 3	.. 2	60
Dvr. Burdy	.. 3	.. 3	50
Spr. Connett	.. 2	.. 2	50
Pte. Lamb	.. 2	.. 2	50
Pte. Lansdale	.. 2	.. 2	50
Pte. Pennington	.. 2	.. 2	50
Pte. Ballentine	.. 2	.. 3	40
Pte. Coyne	.. 2	.. 3	40
Capt. Cross	.. 2	.. 3	40
Pte. Elliman	.. 1	.. 2	33
Spr. Rabinovitz	.. 1	.. 3	25
Dvr. Smith	.. 1	.. 3	25
L-Cpl. Craig	.. 1	.. 4	20
aPte. Brisley	.. 0	.. 1	—
aPte. Osborne	.. 0	.. 1	—

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Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

CONCERTS.

Owing to the fine weather and the long evenings, our Concerts have been reduced to two a week during July.

Miss Lillian Torley's London Party gave us a great show on Dominion Day. Mr. Charlie Wreford's stories and comic songs made a hit, as did also Miss Varick's violin playing. The Eastbourne Patriotic Concert Party gave us a fine programme of part songs, solos and duets. The "Oscar Asche" Dramatic Society put on the popular comedy, "Her Husband's Wife," to a crowded house. The "Uniques" made just as great a hit on their second visit as on their first. The Geo. Morris Party of Tunbridge Wells visited us for the first time, and gave a well-balanced programme. The first half vocal, the second half a Farce, "The Matrimonial Agency." Other parties included the "Winkles" of Newnham, the "Comedies" of Brighton, Miss Claire's Party from Tunbridge Wells, The "Prairies," and Mde. Edith Welling's Party of Brighton.

The electric lights on the stage are a great advantage; our connection with the town power makes it possible to have lights at any time.

A GAME FOR THE "CROCKS."

A Volley Ball court has been fixed up beside the "Y" Hut. Volley Ball is a game specially suited for those unable to play more strenuous games, such as Baseball, Tennis, etc. Any number can play on a side, from three up. We should see a bunch of fellows out playing every night. It's lots of fun.

"OVER!"

While Cricket is not a popular game among Canadians, still we always have a certain number of men interested in it, in any of our Units. A Cricket outfit is now available, including a matting for the pitch. Turn out, you cricketers, we want to have Cooden represented by a good team.

SPARE TIME READING.

It is splendid to see the use being made of the Khaki University Library in the Hut by patients and staff. The favourite books seem to be those on Agriculture and Nelson's Encyclopedia. The latter consists of 25 small volumes crammed full of all kinds of information, both useful and interesting. Some of the men are following a correspondence course with the Khaki University. Any man wishing to follow up any course of study is invited to apply to Capt. Cross, who will put him in touch with the Authorities. They will recommend and loan the necessary books, render assistance in difficulties met in the studies, and set examinations from time to time.