



How "Chanticleer" is being played in Canada.

melee and Valiquet had 16 rubbers each to their credit, and Messrs. R. J. McIsaac and C. Mair 15 each. An exciting contest took place in playing off the ties — the winners, in each instance, being victorious as the result of the third game of the fifth rubber.

The chess tournament is still in progress, with Mr. C. Nananny in the lead.

SUPERANNUATION.

It is understood that Senator Power, chairman of the Senate committee on Civil Service Administration, has completed his draft of a Superannuation Bill, which is to be considered by the committee during the current week. If approved by the committee it is expected that it will be formally introduced in the Senate during the present session. Senator Power has been kind enough to confer with Mr. G. S. Hutchinson, chairman of the Superannuation committee of the Civil Service Association, who placed at his disposal the data in the hands of the Association bearing upon this question.

"IN HARNESS."

In Memoriam—George Lowe.

He would have wished it so; for him no fear,
No bed of pain, no sad declining year;
But as he slept the summons came, and he
Heard the dread call, and answered "I am
here!"

The last word written, though he knew not
then,
As evening fell he laid aside his pen,
And softly he himself was laid aside
Ere came the day to pen and man again.

Where on his desk the pale spring sunbeams
fall
A wistful sadness watches over all;
But bird to bird calls gaily in the trees
Above a mound without the city wall.

He knows the secret which all men must
know,
And treads the road o'er which all men
must go;
What if he started ere the twilight fell!
Maybe 'tis best — he would have wished it
so.

The Civil Service Insurance Act (Canada) appears to be well worthy of study by British civil servants. The Service Insurance Society has obtained very good terms from commercial companies; but the Canadian Government scheme is better. A correspondent dealing with the matter, remarks: — "Whereas we obtain a deduction of 15 per cent. from the ordinary premium, the Canadian civil servant gets 33 per cent. Take the case of a man of 30 years insuring for £200 payable at death: In England under the Civil Service Insurance scheme he pays monthly 6s. 2d. (7s. 3d.—15 per cent.); in Canada under the Civil Service Insurance Act he pays monthly 4s. 10d. If British civil servants had a solid federation they could obtain similar terms. The payment of premiums in Canada is made by deductions from the monthly pay cheque. Will the National Excise Federation move in the direction of Civil Service Federation? Now is the time."

—The Civilian, London, Eng.

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