

The wheat crop of Manitoba and the Northwest promises to be the best on record, and if the frosts, which are always a cause of apprehension, only keep off for a few days the harvesting will be great. A severe frost did damage over a large territory last week, but it will not materially affect the crop.

The corner stone of the new court house at Lunenburg was laid on Tuesday with Masonic honors. The steamer *Lunenburg* left here in the morning with about 200 excursionists to witness the ceremonies. The stone was laid by the M. W. G. Master of Nova Scotia in the presence of about 3,000 spectators.

Mayor Clark, of Toronto, claims that the population of that city is more than ten thousand in excess of the census returns. Halifax, we believe is about four thousand in excess of the returns. A civic census would probably show this, and in that case the Dominion Government would be obliged to re-enumerate the population of the city.

As will be seen on reference to our advertising columns the full plant of gold mining machinery put up last year on the property of the Huntington Reef Mining Company, near Yarmouth, is for sale. As the property will be sold as a whole or in parts to suit, there is now a good opportunity to secure the latest and most approved mining machinery at a bargain.

The steamer *Dunmurry*, which sailed from New York on Thursday of last week with a load of grain for Antwerp, capsized on Friday last in the storm from the cargo having shifted. Eight of the crew perished, and the survivors were landed in Halifax on Tuesday by the oil tank steamer *Hans and Kurt*. The men had barely time to get clear of the *Dunmurry* before she turned over.

Says the *Truro News*:—"Lower Stewiacke is fast becoming one of the most popular resorts in the Province for game shooting. The season opened on Wednesday last, and among the distinguished persons who put up at McNutt's Hotel on that evening, ready for the sport, which they enjoyed for the remainder of the week, were Lieut.-Governor Daly, Lieut.-Col. Clark, A. D. C., Dr. Tobin, Dr. Black, Mr. Kinney and Capt. Shirley of H. M. S. *Tourmaline*. These gentlemen pronounce this place to be the best game shooting grounds in the Province."

At a recent meeting of the City Council, Alderman Boak advocated the union of Halifax and Dartmouth. If this were achieved Halifax would then be the fifth city instead of the seventh in size in the Dominion, and would have accordingly greater prominence. The scheme was strongly opposed by Alderman Foster, who objected on the score that Dartmouth is without water supply and sewerage, and its debt is increasing faster than its population. Alderman Boak's proposition asked for a conference on the matter. The motion was carried, and a committee appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Dartmouth Council.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.—We would draw special attention to the advertisement of this exhibition appearing in another column. The programme is laid out so fully that it will not be necessary for us to enlarge upon it. We are informed that the exhibition proper promises to be more successful, both in point of exhibits and in their attractiveness, than that of last year. The entries are coming in rapidly, and besides a large number of local exhibits, some very fine ones are being sent from England, United States, West India Islands and some other foreign countries. All of the railway and steamship companies are making much more satisfactory arrangements for reduced fares than they did last year. The programme of amusements is so large and varied that our readers will be safe in arranging their visit to almost any day from the beginning to the close of the exhibition.

OUR EXHIBITION now promises to be one of the finest shows that has been seen for years. Applications for space are being received from all the Provinces, (although outsiders cannot compete with Nova Scotia) business men feeling it to be their interest to make as extensive and attractive an exhibit as possible, while the Farmers and Stock-raisers are determined to let the public see what vast improvements have been made in their line during the past few years. The Main Building is undergoing a thorough repair and fitting up, while the Cattle Sheds, etc., are being made comfortable for Horses and Cattle of every description. The numerous attractions that are being arranged for, together with the Music of the Military, as well as the Volunteer and visiting Bands from the country, together with the Cricket and other Matches, the Grand Concert, Fire Works and Illuminations in the Public Gardens, and the Running and Trotting Races on the Riding Grounds, will tend to make a visit to the Capital of Nova Scotia at that time one of the pleasantest trips that young or old can participate in.

Excursions from all parts of the Provinces are being arranged for, and the numbers that are already forming excursion parties from the United States on that occasion, gives assurance of a good exhibition, a good attendance, and a financial success for all interested.

The Exhibition will be opened on Tuesday, September 29th, by His Honor the Lieut. Governor, M. B. Daly, Esq., at which all the military and civic dignitaries will be present and take part in the ceremonies.

The entries so far indicate that this will be one of the finest shows of horses and live stock that has yet taken place in this Province.

The graceful beauty of the Fisheries building at the World's Columbian Exposition has gained for it from the severest of critics, architects, the title of "an architectural poem."

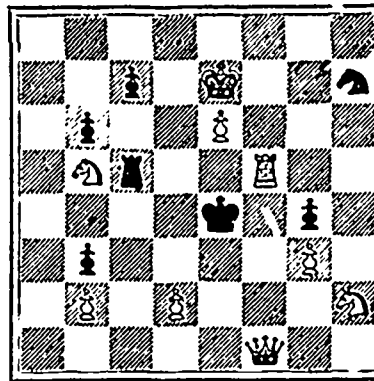
The latest invention in printing machinery is a press that is expected to print ninety thousand copies of an eight page paper per hour. It is being set up in an office in New York city, and will use fifty two miles of paper every hour, fed to it from three huge rolls.

## CHESS.

## PROBLEM No. 81.

By G. Heathcote, Manchester, Eng.  
First prize in Problem Tournay No. 1  
of the London Schoolmaster.

BLACK 7 pieces.



WHITE 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

## GAME No. 82.

BLACKBURNE SURPRISES THE GALLERY.  
THAT FAMOUS NINTH GAME.

That famous ninth game in the match between Messrs. Blackburne and Lee, in which Mr. Lee at first appeared to get the pull, but was overturned by Mr. Blackburne in such a surprising manner that it was classed by the reporters, who were on the spot and saw the veritable board and men with which the manoeuvre was accomplished, as one of the great feats of the chess board. The moves quickly begin after the French fashion as follows:—

WHITE. Mr. Blackburne.	BLACK. Mr. Lee.
1 P to K4	P to K3
2 P to Q4	P to Q4
3 QKt to B3	KKt to B3
4 B to KKt5	B to K2
5 P to K5	KKt to Q2
6 B takes B	Q takes B
7 Q to Q2	P to QR3
8 QKt to K2	P to QB4
9 P to KB4	QKt to B3
10 P to B3	P to KB5
11 KKt to B3	P to QKt4
12 P to KR3	Kt to Kt3
13 Kt to B sq	Kt to B5
14 B takes Kt	KtP takes B
15 Kt to K2	QR to Kt sq
16 Castles (KR)	Castles
17 R to B2	B to Q2
18 P takes P	Q takes P
19 QKt to Q4	R to Kt2
20 Kt takes Kt	B takes Kt
21 Kt to Q4	B to Q2
22 R to K sq	

All this is to make himself solid against the oncoming flank attack.

Doubles R

23 Q to B sq	P to QR4
24 QR to K2	P to R5
25 P to R3	K to R sq
26 P to KKt4	

Having turned the edge of the attack by his previous move, Blackburne will proceed to onlive the other wing with his own operations.

27 Q to K3	P to KKt3
28 KR to Kt2	Q to K2
29 P takes P	R to KKt sq
30 R takes R ch	KtP takes P
31 R to Kt2 ch	K takes R
32 Kt takes BP	K to R sq

The grand coup. If black takes knight, white will push P to K0, menacing destruction with queen chocking.

33 Kt to Q6  
34 Q to R7  
On R to Q sq, white would move Q to B7, threatening Q takes R.  
35 Q takes B and wins.  
—Philadelphia Times.

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