

The census returns of population by provinces were brought down in the House of Commons on Wednesday. The population of the various provinces is as follows:

Nova Scotia.....	450,523
New Brunswick.....	321,294
P. E. Island.....	109,088
Quebec.....	1,488,586
Ontario.....	2,112,989
Manitoba.....	154,442
Northwest provinces.....	61,487
British Columbia.....	92,767
Unorganized territory.....	32,168
Total	4,823,344

The total increase is 11.52 per cent. Nova Scotia shows an increase of 9,951, New Brunswick 61, and P. E. Island 197, the three provinces showing only a little over one per cent. in excess of the last decade. The increase in Quebec is 9.53, Ontario 9.63 per cent. Manitoba gains 148 per cent, the Northwest 141 per cent, British Columbia 87½ per cent, and unorganized districts 4 per cent. It will be seen that the gain in the East is very small, but the West has grown rapidly in population. Representation in Parliament will not be increased as an effect of this census. According to the returns as given above Nova Scotia will lose one member, New Brunswick two, and P. E. I. one. In Ontario there may be a gain of two members.

Frank C. Almy, the murderer of Christie Warden, was captured in Mr. Warden's barn at Hanover, New Hampshire, on August 20th. This was near by where the murder was committed, and the whole country had been scoured for him for some time. He subsisted by stealing from neighbors, which aroused suspicion, and he was caught in the barn. Almy was dangerous, and there was a good deal of shooting. One shot took effect in Almy's head, and his left leg is broken. It has been proved that the murderer is none other than Geo. H. Abbott, who escaped from the Windsor, Vt., prison about six years ago. He is a desperate criminal.

LUNA'S PICTURE.—Prof. Holden, of the Lick Observatory, has procured through the big telescope better photographs of the moon than have been taken, and the work of photographing goes on every hour when the moon is visible. Upon the top of one of the mountains of the moon the photograph shows a luminous white spot that looks like snow. If that is snow the presence of an atmosphere is indicated. It has been believed that the moon has no atmosphere, and therefore is uninhabitable; but if it should be demonstrated that snow falls upon the surface of the satellite, the accepted theory would be upset and astronomers would begin to study the moon with a new and greater interest. Prof. Holden does not expect to find any traces of man's work in the moon, but he may ascertain if any changes have taken place within 30 years.

On Saturday last a five story brick building extending from 68 to 74 (inclusive) Park Place, New York, collapsed as the result of an explosion either of a boiler or some chemicals. Eighty or ninety persons perished in the wreck, which burned fiercely. The building had been condemned thirteen years ago, and it should never have been used, especially for employing a large number of people in. Surely there is some possibility of protecting the trustful public and irresponsible working people from the murderous effects of dishonest building. This building was built with bricks without mortar, like a child's house of wooden blocks, whose only purpose is to make a grand crash when it falls. Some one is certainly to blame when such culpable and wholesale manslaughter takes place. What is important now is that the punishment should fit the crime.

The Peruvian Cabinet has resigned and a new ministry has been formed.

No British officers will hereafter be allowed to serve in the Chinese navy.

Strong earthquake shocks were felt in Italy on Saturday. No loss of life is reported.

Bismarck is said to be showing signs of old age. He is drowsy and is losing his memory.

A terrific battle has been fought at Valparaiso, Chili. Three thousand men have been killed or wounded.

Heavy winds have cut off all communication between the English and French fleets at Portsmouth and the shore. Great anxiety about the men-of-war prevailed on Wednesday.

Sixty youths were massacred in Chili by order of Balmaceda on the 19th inst. They belonged to good families, were unarmed and were holding a political meeting. The assassination has caused great indignation.

Rt. Hon. Henry Cecil Raikes, M. P. Postmaster General, died on Tuesday. He had been recovering from an indisposition and was out walking when he received a severe electric shock during a thunderstorm.

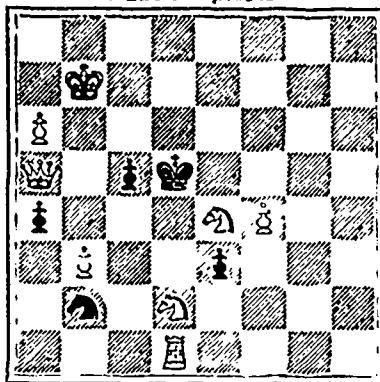
Prince George of Wales, until now lieutenant commander of the gunboat *Thrush*, of the North American Station, has been paid off for his services on the *Thrush*, and has been promoted to the rank of commander.

Trouble appears to be brewing in China, and the nations are beginning to take council as to what is to be done to protect their subjects should occasion arise. According to some accounts, the Empire is on the eve of a rebellion, and the Government is rather embarrassed as to how to prevent the outrages upon missionaries which have occurred. The Yang-tay-Kiang has a large number of warships of different nationalities floating on its waters, drawn thither by the rumors of war.

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PROBLEM NO. 80.

From the *Montreal Gazette*
By Miss Lilian Baird, aged 9 years.
BLACK 5 pieces.



WHITE 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME NO. 81.

Game between Paul Morphy and Mr. J. Arnous de Riviere.

EVANS GAMBIT.

WHITE. Morphy.	BLACK. de Riviere.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to KB3	Kt to Q B3
3 B to B4	B to B4
4 P to Q Kt4	B tks P
5 P to B3	B to B4
6 Castles	P to Q3
7 P to Q4	P tks P
8 P tks P	B to Kt3
9 Kt to B3	B to Kt5
10 B to Q Kt4	K to B1 a
11 B to K3	Q Kt to K2 b
12 P to K R3 c	B K to R4 d
13 B to Q3!	P to K B3
14 P to Q R4	P to B3 e
15 Q to Kt3 f	B to K B2
16 Q to R3 g	B to Q R4
17 Kt to K2	Kt to B1 h
18 Q R to Kt1 i	P to Q Kt3
19 B to R6 j	K Kt to K2
20 P to K5 k	B to Q4
21 Kt to B4 l	B P tks P
22 P tks P	P tks P
23 Kt tks B	P tks Kt
24 Kt tks P	Q to Q3 m
25 B to Kt2	Kt to B4 n
26 B to KB4	Q to K2 o
27 Kt to B6	Q to K5
28 B to Kt7	Q takes B
29 B tks R	Q tks R P p
30 R to Q R1	Q to K5
31 Q to R3 ch	K to B2
32 Kt tks B	P tks Kt
33 K R to K1 q	Q to Q Kt5
34 P tks P ch	K to Kt3
35 R to K6 ch	K to Kt4
36 Q to B1 ch	Q to B5
37 P to R4 ch	Kt tks P
38 R to K5 ch	Kt to B4
39 R tks Kt ch r	K tks R
40 B to K6 ch,	and Black resigns.

The *Times-Democrat* gives 31 good notes to the game. We quote those which appear the most interesting.

a The coup just, and the neotheoreticians will do well to consult the archives, this being said for the benefit of those among them who conceive that they have discovered the master variations of the openings. This might have have been said of White's next move. (Ed)

b This move was played by London against St. Petersburg 1887—the latter after P Q R4 continued B Q B4, threatening B tks K B P. (Ed)

c In order to make sure of the enemy's plan. Will he take the Kt, and if he retire the R, what square will he adopt?

d We would play the same again today. The retreat to Q2 would have aug-

mented the constraint of his position. e Here is the first false step, we believe, P Q R4 was of more avail. f At once Morphy spots the valuable point.

g An excellent station to establish a battery.

h In order to play out the other Kt. (Ed)

i How admirably the young master displays his ability to bring all of his forces into the battle, and yet to precipitate nothing.

j Black is strongly barricaded; it is difficult to break in. For example, could he but manage to push P Q R3, his game would at once become the superior, because the pawns on the Q's flank would manœuvre in consort, b sked up by the Kts, without its being possible to force the game by an attack on the K. The move played by Morphy is, indeed, a stroke of his clairvoyant genius.

k Exceedingly vigorous and exact.

l The entrance of this Kt is practically fatal for the second player.

m The exchange of Q's would improve matters for Black, who has always a P more, but a difficult position.

n Menacing to push the Q's pawn. (Ed)

o If Kt (B1) K2 then 27. P Kt 4 p Unhappily there is no time to push P Q5, the Kt holding the B at his mercy.

q The reserve comes up in its due time; the battle is over. White achieves the victory, and wins, too, in most beautiful style.

r The Queen is lost! Morphy has played this game with consummate art; nothing has been since achieved that can surpass it.—*Bal. Sunday News*.

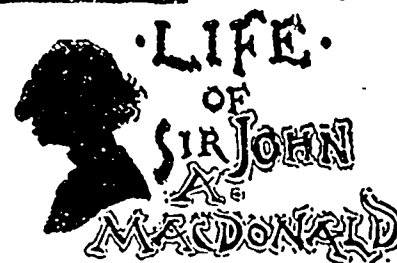
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