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It appears that several of the games in the International Match are making fair progress; some having reached the 14th or 15th move.

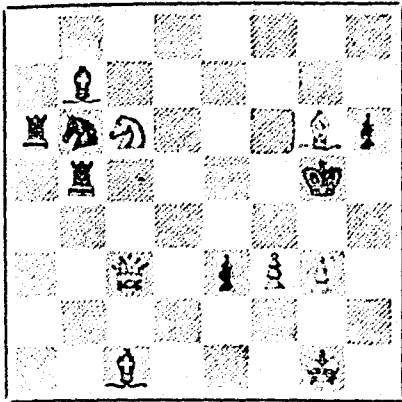
The games between Mr. Gossip and Mr. Gilbert, which, from the fact that the players are so well known in Chess circles, are exciting much attention, have reached about the 12th move in all four games.

The Quebec Tourney is near its completion, and the full score we hope to be able to present to our readers next week. One or two games have yet to be contested, and these will terminate the 9th Annual Congress of the Dominion Chess Association.

We should like to make some remarks on the interest shown by Canadian players in Chess as exhibited by the attendance of competitors at the place of meeting this year, but must reserve them till the final results shall be made public.

A Black Pawn should appear at Black's K B 3 in Problem No. 141.

PROBLEM No. 141.
By G. C. HOLWOOD.
BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN CANADA.
GAME 20576

Played between Messrs. Howe and Shaw, at the Sixth Annual Congress of the Dominion Chess Association, held at Quebec, 25th August, 1877.

(By Lopez)

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| WHITE—(Dr. Howe.) | BLACK—(Mr. J. Shaw.) |
| 1. P to K 4 | P to K 4 |
| 2. K to K B 2 | K to Q B 3 |
| 3. B to K 5 | P to Q R 3 |
| 4. R to B 4 | P to Q 3 |
| 5. P to K R 3 | K to K B 4 |
| 6. P to Q 3 | P to K R 3 |
| 7. Castles | B to K 2 |
| 8. K to R 2 | B to Q 2 |
| 9. P to K B 4 | P takes P |
| 10. B takes P | K to K R 2 |
| 11. P to Q B 3 | B to K 4 |
| 12. P to Q 4 | Q to K 2 |
| 13. K to Q 2 | B takes K R P |
| 14. P takes B | P to Q K 3 |
| 15. R to B 2 | B takes R |
| 16. B takes B | K to K 4 (ch) |
| 17. Q to K K 4 | P to K R 4 |
| 18. Q to K 2 | Castles (Q R) |
| 19. Q R to K B 4 | P to B 2 |
| 20. R B 4 to B 2 (ch) | Q to Q 2 |
| 21. P to K 5 | K takes P (ch) |
| 22. Q takes K | Q takes Q |
| 23. B takes B | Q takes B |
| 24. R takes Q | Q takes P |
| 25. K to K 3 | P takes P |
| 26. K takes P | K takes K |
| 27. P takes K | B takes P (ch) |
| 28. R B 4 to B 2 | R to Q 3 |
| 29. K to B 4 | R to K 4 |
| 30. K to K 3 | P to R 5 |
| 31. R to R 5 | R (K 3) to K 5 |
| 32. R takes R | R takes B |
| 33. K to B 5 | P to R 2 |
| 34. B to K 2 | P to K 4 |
| 35. R to K 6 | R to Q 2 (ch) |
| 36. R to K 2 | K to K 2 |
| 37. K to K 7 | P to K K 5 |
| 38. K to R 2 | R to Q 6 |
| 39. K to Q B 3 | R to B 6 |
| 40. K to Q 4 | R to R 6 (ch) |
| 41. K to K 2 | H to K 6 (ch) (C) |
| 42. K to R 2 | R to Q 6 |
| 43. K to K B 5 | R to K B 6 |
| 44. K to Q 4 | R to Q 4 |
| 45. K to K R 5 | P to R 4 |
| 46. K to K 2 | P checks |
| 47. K to R 2 | R to K R 6 |
| 48. K to Q 4 | R to Q 6 |
| 49. K takes P | P to K R 4 |
| 50. K to B 3 | R to B 5 |
| 51. K to K 4 | P to K 6 |
| 52. B takes R | P takes R |
| 53. K to K 3 | K to B 3 |
| 54. K to B 5 | P to K 7 |
| 55. K to Q 4 (ch) | K to Q 4 |
| 56. K takes P | K to K 5 |

And a draw was consented to. (P)

NOTES.

- (a) An injudicious sacrifice which ought to have been the game.
- (b) A good move.
- (c) P to R 4 seems better here.
- (d) Although Black is minus a piece, six pawns to two ought, with careful play, to be much in his favour.
- (e) The best move under the circumstances. White wants to preserve his two pawns.
- (f) Instead of these apparently useless checks, if Black had advanced his pawns, or his K, on the Q's side, his game would have been much stronger.
- (g) The end of one of the toughest games, as yet, in the Tourney.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 139.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| 1. Q to K 6 | 1. P takes Q |
| 2. K to B 2 | 2. Anything. |
| 3. R B or K 1 mates | |

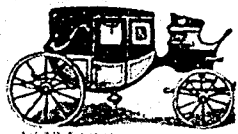
Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 137.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| 1. Q to K B 4 (ch) | 1. Q takes B |
| 2. Q to Q K 4 (ch) | 2. K to Q B 2 (best) |
| 3. Q to Q K 7 (ch) | 3. Q takes K |
| 4. Q mates. | |

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 138.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| K at Q K 5 | K at K 4 |
| Q at Q B 2 | Pawns at K 3, Q B 4 |
| R at K B 4 | and Q K 3, |
| Pawn at K 3 and Q 3 | |

White to play and mate in two moves.



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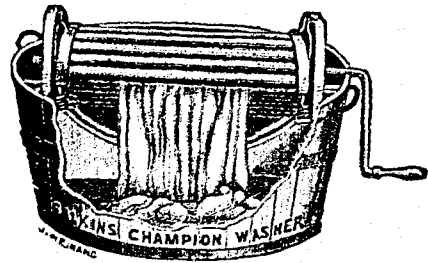
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