

On behalf of the Nova Scotia coal and railway company, R. G. Leckie offered to buy out the Jogging coal mines. The negotiations were carried on on a basis of \$190,000. Then the owners ran the price up to \$240,000, a figure that Mr. Leckie will not pay. Hence a hitch. This is the old, old story with Nova Scotians. When they have a chance to sell at a good figure and give some enterprising man a chance to develop the locality, then they block the whole scheme by raising the price!—*New Glasgow Enterprise*.

**A SPLENDID BRICK.**—The results of last month's crushing at the Northup gold mine still further proves the great value of this property, which is now looked upon as one of the best in the province. The largest brick yet obtained was in September last, weighing 353 oz. but this was from six weeks crushing. Last month's crushing, occupying twenty-three days, has yielded a magnificent brick weighing within three ounces of the big brick in September,—350 ounces, valued at about \$7,000. A bonanza surely. If the mine continues panning out in this way, it would be almost better for the Company to hold on to their property instead of selling to the parties who a little while ago were anxious to purchase at their own figures.—*Exchange*.

**UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF IRON ORES IN 1888.**—Our production of iron ore in 1888 was the largest in our history, amounting to about 12,050,000 gross tons, against a production in 1887 of about 11,300,000 tons. As usual, the Lake Superior region was in 1888 much in advance of all other sections of the country in its production of iron ore, the total shipments from this region amounting to 5,023,279 gross tons, which were the largest in its history. Of this total the Marquette range shipped 1,921,525 tons; the Gogebic range, 1,424,762 tons; the Menominee range, 1,165,039 tons; and the Vermillion Lake district, 511,953 tons. In 1887, the next most productive year in the Lake Superior region, the total shipments amounted to 4,738,903 tons. The improvement in the shipments of the Lake Superior region in 1888 was largely due to high ocean freights on foreign ores, which reduced importations to about one-half the importations in 1887, and partly to favorable lake and railroad rates, which facilitated shipments to distant markets. The shipments of Lake Superior ore in 1888 to furnaces in Eastern Pennsylvania and New York amounted to about 276,000 tons, of which 246,850 tons were delivered at Buffalo, and about 30,000 tons at Erie. Shipments of iron from these ports to eastern furnaces in 1887 and preceding years were comparatively small.—*Report of American Iron and Steel Association*.

A piece of coal, weighing five and a half tons, has been cut at Abertown colliery, Cornwall, England, to be sent to the Paris exhibition. The block measures 7 feet 6 inches long, 5 feet 6 inches wide, and 3 feet 6 inches deep. It was hauled for a mile along the workings to the pit's bottom, where it had to be trimmed before being raised. Five other blocks, each weighing two and a half tons, will also be forwarded to Paris.

**Gold Mining in Queens and Lunenburg County**—from the *Gold Hunter*: We were shown some quartz this week that is said to be rich in silver, which came from somewhere not far from our office, at least near enough for us to hear the whistle of the mill, so the finder informs us.

A correspondent writes us that he has struck a Plumbago Mine at Speight Cove, Digby Co. The belt is fifty feet wide, and looks well as far as gone into, with very little surface to interfere. He, in company with others, have also struck a red paint mine, half a mile wide, at Gilbert's Cove, in the same County.

The Parker & Douglas Co. have cut a very promising lead south of their Battery lead. It is twelve inches wide, and shows more gold and mineral than any lead so far discovered in this district, and will likely prove a bonanza for this company. They are the happy possessors of one of the most promising mines in our county, and in the near future will doubtless be among the largest producers of the yellow stuff.

Mr. Gilbert Parker, with Mr. Frank Shapleigh and George W. Lathrop, have returned to their homes feeling in the best of spirits, and well they may, for in cleaning up ten tons of ore from their "Great Caledonia Mine," they carried away very nearly \$300. All the ore taken out of their shaft was crushed, which is showing better as they go down, and growing larger. We look for great results from this property, as every lead so far cut shows rich in gold.

A rich lead has been discovered at Millisic by Mr. N. C. Owen. It is studded with gold, and many persons who have seen specimens taken from it pronounce them the finest ever seen in this locality. It has stirred up other property holders at Millisic, and the sound of the prospector's hammer thereabouts gives warning that diligent search is being made for the precious metal.

**PLEASANT RIVER.**—Everything is moving along smoothly at the Grand Central Mine. The dam of 100 ft. in length, made for the storage of water, is completed. The excavation for a foundation for the mill is now ready for the stone masons. The office building is covered in and shingled. The underground work in the mine is being pushed by Mr. Noble Crowe, who has charge of that work. Shaft No. 1, on the Pine Tree lead, has been sunk to a depth of twelve feet on the incline in five days. The vein has two leads of quartz, three and five inches respectively. Between the leads is a space of about five inches of soft clay, in which gold has been found. The vein is about four feet wide between walls. The gang matter in the vein is black talco slate. The quartz shows well in fine gold. The pine tree lead has been explored by cuts at intervals of about 100 ft. on the vein. They are about erecting a building on shaft No. 2, on the pine tree lead, in which the necessary machinery will be placed to do the pumping and hoisting. No 5 shaft will be a two compartment shaft, one for ladder and pump, the other for hoisting.

## DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All Checker communications and exchanges should be addressed to W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

The proprietors of *The Critic* offer two prizes to consist of books on Checkers—to those subscribers who shall send in the greatest number of correct solutions during the current year. No entrance fee required.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JAMES BECK, St. John, N. B.—Your contribution received. Many thanks. We will use it soon. We are glad to learn of the acumen displayed by your young friend Hayes. If agreeable we shall be pleased to publish one or more of the best games developed in his correspondence match with young Forbes of Shubenacadie.

### THE DARTMOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP.

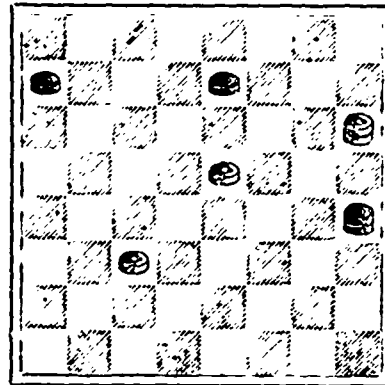
The match between Mr. Henry Moseley and Willie Forsyth, both of Dartmouth, for the checker championship of that town, which was begun three or four weeks ago, was concluded last week and resulted in a pronounced victory for the younger player. The score at the end stood:—Forsyth 24; Moseley 11; drawn 15; total 50. Who will tackle the winner? We should be pleased to learn of another similar match being arranged.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH IN CHICAGO, BARKER VS. REED.

From late Boston papers we learn the result of the first five days play, commencing Monday, 3rd inst.; 16 games played—Reed 4, Barker 0, drawn 12.

### PROBLEM 119.

By Mr. H. C. Wadell, Downsville, N. Y., in *Boston Globe*.  
Black men 5, 7, kg 20.

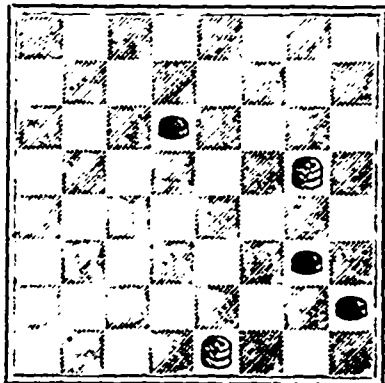


White men 15, 22, kg 12.  
White to play and win.

This is a pretty position by one of the best problemists.

### PROBLEM 120.

By R. Robertson, Glasgow, in *Draught Players' Weekly Magazine*.  
Black men 10, 24, 28.



White kings 16, 31.  
Black to play and win.

## SOLUTIONS.

**PROBLEM 116.**—The position was:—black kings 18, 23; white men 17, 24, king 31; black to play. What result.

a-18-15 8-12 8-12 11-8  
17 14 18 14 9 14 23 27  
23-19 12-8 12-8 8-11  
24 20 14 10 14 18 16 19  
15-11 8-3 8-12 7-3  
14 10 10 14 18 23 27 32  
19-15 3-8 12-8 b-3-7  
10 6 14 18 19 16 20 16  
11-8 8-12 11-7 11-20  
6 2 18 23 16 12 19 24  
15-11 12-8 8-11 20-27  
31 26 23 19 23 19 32 23  
8-12 8-12 7-3 7-10  
26 23 2 6 19 23 drawn.  
12-8 12-8 3-7  
23 18 6 9 12 16

a Sergeant-Major Turnbull, of Hartlepool, England, shows a win for white by black taking his first move 23-27, but this is by no means his best move.

b 3-8 if moved here would lose for black

**PROBLEM 117.**—The position was:—black men 2, 6, 10, 14, 15, king 30; white men 17, 21, 22, 23, 31, king 8; black to play and win.

\*30-25 \*6-9 18-15 14-32  
31-27 17-13 13-6 b wins.  
25-18 \*15-19 2-9  
8 11 23 16 11 18  
\*only move to win.

Blank forms, (suitable for both Chess and Checkers), for copying down problems, positions, endings, etc. Fifty for 25c, post free. Small sheets, numbered, and with appropriate headings, for recording games. Twenty-five for 15c.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

1889. A. No. 2840.  
IN THE SUPREME COURT.

BETWEEN—John H. Harvey and Benjamin G. Gray, Trustees of the Estate of Patrick Kenny, deceased, Plaintiffs,  
AND  
John Egan, Defendant.

### TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

by the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, or his deputy, at the Supreme Court House, at Halifax, on Saturday, the 29th day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, pursuant to a decree of foreclosure and sale made herein, on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1889, unless before the day of sale the amount due for principal interest, and costs be paid to the Plaintiffs, their solicitor, or into Court.

All the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the above named defendant, and of all persons claiming by, through, or under him, either at law or in equity of, in, to, upon, or out of all that lot, piece, or parcel of

## LAND

in the city of Halifax, being number 42 on a plan of the subdivision of the Adams' Field, by John W. Watt filed in the Crown Land Office, at Halifax, and described as follows: Beginning at the south-east corner of lot number forty-three, thence southwardly along the west side line of Walnut Street sixty-three feet, more or less, to a lane shown on said plan, thence along the north side of said lane one hundred and thirteen feet, more or less, westwardly to lot number forty-one, thence northwardly along the rear line of said lot number forty-one, sixty feet, more or less, to lot number forty-three, thence eastwardly along the south side line of said lot number forty-three one hundred and thirteen feet more or less, to the place of beginning; together with the buildings, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the same, belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms—Ten per cent deposit at sale; remainder on delivery of deed.  
DONALD ARCHIBALD,  
High Sheriff of the County of Halifax.  
WALLACE McDONALD, Solicitor of Plaintiffs,  
Halifax, N. S., 23rd May, 1889.

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