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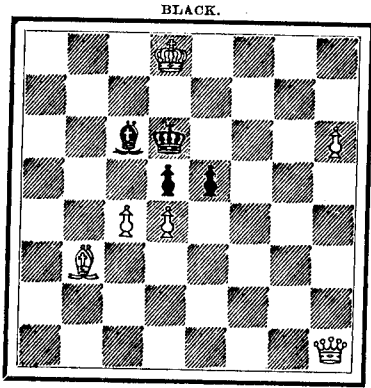
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PROBLEM No. 26.

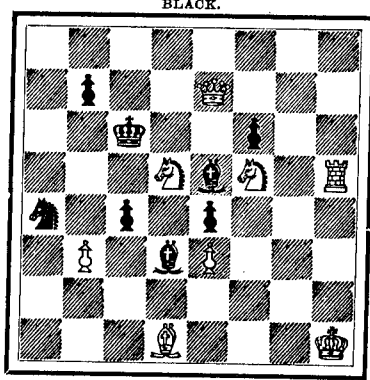
Composed for THE WEEK by W. Atkinson, Montreal Chess Club.

PROBLEM No. 27.

SELECTED.



White to play and mate in two moves.



White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 16.

1. B Q 4. Correct solutions received from E. B. G., Montreal; W. A., Montreal; G. S. C., Toronto; H. J. C., London.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 17.

Author's solution—1. Kt Q 5 1. K R 5, 2. Kt Q 5 B 4, 3. B mates; if 1. K Kt 3, 2. Kt Q 5, B 4 ch 2. any 3 B mates. Correct solution received from W. A., Montreal.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 18.

1. B B 8, 2. R K 7, 3. R dis. ch mate. Correct solution received from E. B. G., Montreal; H. J. C., London; W. A., Montreal; G. S. C., Toronto.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 19.

1. Q R 7, if 1. B B 6, 2. Q Q 7 (ch) 2. K moves, 3. Q mates. If 1. B moves elsewhere, 2. Q K 4 ch 2. K takes Q, 3. B mates. Correct solution received from E. B. G., Montreal; G. S. C., Toronto; W. A., Montreal; H. J. C., London.

SOLUTION TO "A CURIOUS PUZZLE."

We have not space for an exhaustive analysis, but we give a summary. In the one game Black's previous moves had been R R 5 ch, and on the white K moving to K B 5 the R was played back again to R square, thereby having forfeited the right to castle. The mate on this board was, therefore, 1. K takes P, etc.

In the other game Black's last two moves had been 1. a check either by a Q at Kt 8, where it was captured by the B, or by a Kt at Q 3, where it was captured by a P, 2. P K 4 giving white the power to capture en passant, which he could not do in the other game. The solution in this game is, therefore, 1. P takes P en passant, etc.

PARIS vs. VIENNA.

The correspondence match between Vienna and Paris is still exciting great interest in the chess world. The positions on the 16th June, 1884, were as follows:—Game 1, White (Vienna), K K Kt 1, Q Q 1, R's Q R 1, K 1, B's Q 3, Q 4, Kt K B 3, P's Q R 2, Q Kt 3, K 4, K B 2, K Kt 2, R R 2, Black (Paris), K Kt 1, Q Q 1, R's Q R 1, K B 1, B's Q Kt 2, Q B 4, Kt Q 2, P's Q R 4, Q Kt 3, K 3, K B 2, K Kt 2, K R 2. White to move.

Game 2—White (Paris), K K 1, Q Q 1, R's Q R 1, K R 1, B's Q 5, Q B 5, Kts K B 1, K Kt 5, P's K R 4, K Kt 2, K B 2, Q 3, Q Kt 3, Q R 2. Black (Vienna), K K R 1, Q K 1, R's K B 1, Q R 1, B's K 2, Q B 1, Kts Q B 3, P's K R 2, K Kt 2, K 4, Q 3, Q B 2, Q K 2, Q R 3. Black to move.

GAME No. 16.

From The Field.

Chess at Simpson's Divan.

The subjoined game was played a few weeks ago against a visitor from New York. (Two Knights Defence.)

Table showing chess moves for Mr. Mason (White) and Mr. Sloper (Black) in a Two Knights Defence game.

(a) The well-known continuation here is 4. Kt to Kt 5, P to Q 4; 5. P takes P, Kt to R 4; 6. B to Kt 5 ch, etc. The text move converts the opening to a Guiooco Piano.

(b) Black could safely capture the K P; but he evidently prefers to avoid complications against such an experienced opponent as Mr. Mason.

(c) To simplify matters Black might have captured the K P, leaving White temporarily with an isolated Q P; but positions of this nature frequently resolve themselves in drawn games, e.g.:

Small chess move sequence table showing variations for White and Black.

If 11. B takes P ch, then 11. . . . R takes B, etc. If 12. Kt to B 6 ch, then 12. . . . Q takes Kt, etc. Anyhow, White remains with a weak spot at Q 4, and slight as the disadvantage may be, it is one nevertheless.

(d) The sacrifice does not seem to be quite sound; but still in this instance it was good enough to frighten the opponent.

(e) Better would have been to take the bishop. White probably would have got a good attack, but hardly anything more, e.g.:

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(f) The only other plausible move for the queen would be 14. . . . Q to K 3, and this turns out unsatisfactory on account of 15. B takes P ch, K takes B; 16. Q to Kt 5 ch, K to R sq; 17. R to K sq, and wins.

(g) A beautiful move, which forces the game. The object of course is to shut the adverse queen out from the defence preparatory to the sacrifice of the bishop.

(h) Black has no satisfactory answer. White wins in every variation with B takes P ch, etc.

(i) Mr. Mason could win here in a shorter way with 18. B to B 6.

NEWS ITEMS.

THERE were over one hundred solutions to a problem in the Illustrated London News sent in recently. Curious to relate the problem was unsound and impossible, and only four correspondents pointed this out.

ZUKERTORT says that Philidor was only equal to a P and 2 player of to-day, and much inferior to his Italian adversary, Ercole del Rio. He also says that Staunton, though a first-rate player, was never equal to Anderssen. He thinks Deschappelles was a humbug, and De la Bourdonnais a great master. McDonnell was over-rated he says. As to Steinitz the Dr. believes that while S's play averages better, Z. rises to higher flights at times. The champion seems singularly reticent as to Paul Morphy.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, held at the Banking House, Toronto, at noon on Tuesday, 8th July, 1884.

The President, the HON. WM. McMASTER, having been called to the chair, It was moved by Mr. John Waldie, Esq., seconded by David McGee, Esq., "That the General Manager be appointed Secretary, and that Messrs. W. G. Cassels and James Brown do act as Scrutineers."

The Secretary then read the following report:— The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the result of the year's business ending in June, 1884, with a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities:—

Table showing financial results: Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, June, 1883, carried forward \$67,550 90; The profits of the year, after deducting charges of management, interest accrued on deposits, and providing for bad and doubtful debts, amount to 635,919 65; Total \$703,470 55.

Which has been deposited in the following manner:—

Table showing dividend payments: Dividend No. 33, payable January, 1884 \$240,000 00; Dividend No. 34, payable July, 1884 240,000 00; Carried to Rest Account 100,000 00; Placed at credit of Contingent Fund Account 75,000 00; Total \$655,000 00.

Balance remaining at credit of Profit and Loss Account \$48,470 55

It will be observed from the statement submitted that the profits of the year enabled the Directors to pay the usual dividend of 8 per cent., provided for doubtful and bad debts, leaving a surplus of \$155,919.65. This would have been wholly available towards increasing the Rest, but there being some uncertainty as to the amount likely to be realized from securities held by the Bank, on account of the liability of a company now in process of liquidation, the Directors determined to provide for the same at once, and have therefore transferred \$75,000 to Contingent Account, which sum is regarded as being sufficient for the purpose. The sum of \$100,000 has been added to the Rest, increasing that Fund to \$2,000,000, and the remaining \$48,470.55 is at the credit of Profit and Loss Account.

The large deficiency in the crops of last year, and the unsatisfactory condition of some of the principal manufacturing industries of the country have naturally resulted in a restriction of the Bank's business; its profits nevertheless have been fairly well maintained.

The customary inspection of the Head Office, Branches and Agencies of the Bank, have been carefully made during the year, and the Directors have pleasure in stating that the officials of the Bank have performed their respective duties in a satisfactory manner.

(Signed,) WM. McMASTER, President.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE, Toronto, 8th July, 1884.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 21st JUNE, 1884.

Table showing LIABILITIES: Notes of the Bank in circulation \$2,554,773 00; Deposits not bearing interest 1,855,160 98; Deposits bearing interest 9,679,913 61; Interest accrued on Deposit Receipts and Savings Bank Account 74,140 76; Due to other Banks in Canada 152,362 75; Due to Agencies of the Bank, and other Banks in Great Britain 199,057 70; Total \$14,515,408 80.

Table showing ASSETS: Specie \$681,471 93; Dominion Notes 1,032,528 31; Notes of and Cheques on other Banks 430,805 47; Balance due from other Banks in Canada 289,777 02; Balance due from Agencies of the Bank in the United States 1,408,587 10; British Consols, Dominion of Canada Stock, and United States Bonds 944,913 05; Total \$4,788,082 88.

(Signed,) W. N. ANDERSON, General Manager.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE, Toronto, 21st June, 1884.

The following resolutions were then put and carried unanimously:— Moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President:—"That the report of the Directors now read be adopted and printed for the information of the shareholders."

Moved by Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, seconded by E. H. Rutherford, Esq.:—"That the thanks of the meeting are due, and are hereby rendered to the President, Vice-President and other Directors, for their careful attention to the interests of the Bank during the past year."

Moved by David McGee, Esq., seconded by W. G. Cassels, Esq.:—"That the thanks of the meeting be also tendered to the General Manager and other officials of the Bank for the satisfactory discharge of their respective duties during the past year."

Moved by Hon. S. C. Wood, seconded by Wm. Elliott, Esq.:—"That the ballot-box be now opened, and remain open until two o'clock this day, for the receipt of ballot tickets for the election of Directors, the poll to be closed, however, whenever five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered."

The Scrutineers presented the following report:—

W. N. ANDERSON, Esq., General Manager.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE, Toronto, 8th July, 1884.

SIR,—We, the undersigned Scrutineers, appointed at the general meeting of the Shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce held this day, hereby declare the following gentlemen duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:—Hon. Wm. McMaster, Wm. Elliot, T. S. Stayner, Geo. Taylor, John Waldie, Hon. S. C. Wood, James Crathern, W. B. Hamilton.

Your obedient servants,

W. G. CASSELS, } Scrutineers. JAS. BROWNE. }

At a meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors held subsequently, the Hon. Wm. McMaster and Wm. Elliot, Esq., were re-elected President and Vice-President respectively, by a unanimous vote.

TORONTO, 8th July, 1884.

W. N. ANDERSON, General Manager.