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On account of not receiving our plant in time, we have been compelled to issue without it, but will give problems on the board in our next paper, also a numbered board with the standard laws of the game.

In this, the first issue of *Canadian Checkerist*, we place before you a paper devoted to the games of Chess and Checkers, published in Toronto, Canada, every second Tuesday, the columns of which are open for the benefit of those who take an interest in the games.

Problems, solutions, games, reports of matches and club meetings in fact, everything pertaining to the game will constitute the news of the paper. It depends on the lovers of the pastime for the amount of interesting matter we may be able to furnish our readers, also it will be necessary for you to become a subscriber at once to insure its success. We will be pleased at all times to hear from those who take part in the games, and wish us to succeed. If you

do not reside in Toronto, when in the city call and see us, you are welcome.

A great deal of controversy is going on about the Barker-Martins match on account of their playing on the old lines. Barker defeated Martins on his own ground and Martins being, an old player he ought to have been ~~in~~ conversant with the games, therefore all the more credit is due to the young American Champion. We wish him every success.

What do you think of the idea of having a match played between two persons, residing not more than a thousand miles apart and consisting of not more than six games, to be played by telegraph: B of Boston with C of Chicago, N of New York with S of Syracuse, P of Pittsburg with H of Hamilton, and so on, then send the moves of games to the *Canadian Checkerist* to be published for the benefit of our readers. It would only cost twenty-five cents for postage. Who will be the first to take it up? As soon as a sufficient number send their addresses and stating the number of games they wish to play full particulars will be given.

We congratulate the Toronto Draught Club on it attaining to its tenth anniversary. In 1877 there was a club called the Amateur Chess and Draught Association, the members of which visited each other at their homes once a week, and in that way the meetings of the association were kept up during the winter. In 1878 it was decid-