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BARKER-MARTINS MATCH.

The above match was played at Glasgow, for a stake of £200, and commenced Dec. 26 1887, ending Jan. 11 '88 the young American Champion winning with the score;

Barker...3; Martins....1; Drawn....45

The first and second games were drawn, third game was commenced by Martins forming the "Will o' the Wisp," after an hours play the following position was formed Black, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 15, 18—White, 9, 21, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32.—Barker played—

26..23-a	3.. 7	24..20	30..26	1.. 6
5..14	26..22	6.. 9	22..17	30..25
30..26	7..11	21..17	13..22	6.. 2
4.. 8	28..24	10..30	5.. 1	8..12
32..28	2.. 7	23.. 5	26..30	

and Barker resigned.

(a) Analysis afterward went to show that 25..22 was much stronger.

The fourth to the seventeenth, inclusive, were drawn

Eighteenth game, "Defiance", Barker won, nineteen to twenty-eight drawn.

The twenty-eighth game Barker tried the "Whilter," when the following position came up—Black, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, White; 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 30

Barker played—

11..16	16..20	20..24	11..22	
17..14	19..15	14..10	30..21	Barker
10..17	7..11	9..14	6..15	won
21..14	23..19	18.. 9-a	19..10	

(a) Martins had two ways of taking the man, but took the wrong one. At the close of the game Barker stated he scored a game ten years before from Wyllie by the same mistake of the "Herd Laddie."

Twenty-ninth to the thirty-fourth inclusive were drawn.

Martins tried the 'Alma' in the thirty-fifth game when he got the following position—Black, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 20, King, 30, White, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 32, King 3

Martins played—

11..15	3.. 9	15..22	24.. 6	9..13
25..22	30..26	8.. 3	7..10	1.. 5
6.. 9	22..18	26..19	6.. 1	

Barker won.

This game was analyzed in private by Martins coachers, and the line of play laid out for Barker, which if followed would end in his losing it. When played Barker did follow it, and Martins' friends were highly elated, and were sure of victory, but to their surprise, after studying for a few minutes he played 30..26 instead of 9..13 which led to his losing the game.

The thirty-six to the forty-seventh game was drawn.

Martins opened the forty-seventh with the "Laird and Lady" and got the man ahead and it looked as if he would win, the position was,—Black, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13,

White, 14, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32,

Black, Martins to play.

6..10	7..23	10..19	11..18	26..31
14.. 9	28..24	18..14	22..15	32..28
5..23	8..11	12..16	13..17	31..27
27..18	24..19	27..18	25..21	14..10
3.. 8	2.. 6	8..12	17..22	
26..22	31..27	30..25	21..17	
11..16	4.. 8	19..23	22..26	
20..11	19..15	18..15	17..13	

Barker drew the game amid the applause of the spectators. Subsequent analysis show that Martins should have won the game.

Forty-eighth and forty-ninth games drawn

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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 better 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-

ed to drop chess on account of their being a large number of checker-players who would not join the chess club, accordingly a meeting was called on February 14th, 1878 and the Toronto Draught Club was founded, with Wm. R. Orr, President, since which time the membership has been steadily increasing. Among its many members are some of the best players in Canada. At the last election of officers, held in January of this year, the Sec-Treas. presented a report showing the club to be in a good financial position, after which the election took place and resulted in Mr. James Rennie being elected president for the ensuing year.

MARKHAM vs TORONTO

MARKHAM WINS BY 20 GAMES.

The checker-match between the Toronto and Markham clubs took place at the Franklin House, Markham, on Friday, February 3rd, and was participated in by fifty lovers of the pastime. Play began at 8.30 and lasted till an early hour in the morning, after which an oyster supper was given by the Markham club. A large number were present to witness the match, including J. Hill of Providence, R.I and C. Pickering of Baltimore, Ont. who played six games, an account of which will be given in our next issue. Following is the score of the match;

Markham.	Won	Toronto.	Won.	Dr.
Dr. F. Black....3		R. Dissette.....2		1
J. Laurie.....0		G. Fletcher.....4		2
Dr. W. S. Black..2		J. Rennie.....1		3
T. B. Reeve.....2		W. H. Shockey..2		2
S. McConnichie..3		S. D. Baldwin..1		2
A. J. Smith.....4		Geo. Tait.....1		1
R. Pardon.....2		J. Godwin.....2		2
J. Campbell.....0		M. McNamara..3		3
W. Scott.....3		T. Johnston...3		0
T. Walker.....0		E. W. Duggan..5		1
W. Fleming.....6		A. Asher.....0		0
M. Ryan.....5		W. Hogg.....0		1
W. H. Hall.....4		R. H. Gray.....0		2
B. Jones.....1		R. A. Fraser....4		1

W, T. Scott.....3	J. Steele.....2	1
R. Mustard.....4	A. Kirkpatrick..0	2
N. Bell.....3	D. McLean.....1	2
J. Robb.....4	F. S. Mearns...1	1
Dr. E. G. Knill..2	J. F. Craig.....1	3
Capt. Reesor....2	W. Crawford...4	0
J. J. Barker.....4	J. S. Hallett...2	0
J. Riley.....1	S. Crawford...2	3
W. Mustard.....2	R. S. Grant....2	2
T. Manderson....1	J. Young.....1	4
J. Laurie,jr.....4	W. Darlington..1	1

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Below will be found a record of matches played between Markham and Toronto

- (1) For the Caledonian Cup, at Markham, eight players a side; Toronto, 22; Markham, 21; drawn, 5
 - (2) At Markham, Toronto, 31; Markham, 26; drawn, 15.
 - (3) At Toronto, Markham, 25; Toronto, 30; drawn, 17.
 - (4) Forty-six players met in Toronto last winter, Toronto winning 56; Markham, 55; drawn, 29.
- Toronto and Hamilton have played twice each scoring a victory.

TORONTO DRAUGHT CLUB.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2—A large attendance present and final arrangements made for the match at Markham. It was found impossible to send as strong a team as they would like to on account of a number of their first-class players being unable to leave the city. The following is a few of the scores for the evening:

Dowsell	3	Kirkpatrick	3—0
Steele	3	Young	3—0
Kirkpatrick, W	3	Gouffingly	2—1
Darlington	2	Breckenridge	1—3
McClean	3	Welsh	2—1
Walker	3	Craig	2—1

THURSDAY, FEB. 9—The cold weather froze the members in and the consequence was a small attendance but an interesting time was spent. A resolution was passed eulogizing the Markham club for the kind and hospitable reception tendered to the Toronto team and expressing a hope that they would have the privilege of returning the compliment at an early date.

The medal was contested for between C. G. Campbell (who won it from R. Dissette at a previous meeting of the club) and G. A. Fletcher, the cup by J. F. Craig and A. Asher they were well contested and resulted in G. A. Fletcher winning the medal with a score of 3 to 1 and 1 drawn, and A. Asher defeating J. F. Craig by 4 to 3. The cup referred to was won by Toronto in a match with Markham. The following is the score up to tonight in the board competition with S. Crawford as a probable winner.

Gray	2	Fraser	3-1
W. Crawford	4	Gray	1-1
Asher	1	Crawford	5-1
Fraser	1	Asher	5-1
Crawford, S.	5	Asher	2-0
Duggan	4	Fraser	2-1
Crawford, S.	4	Johnson	2-1
Johnson,	4	Grant	2-1
Duggan	4	Crawford, S.	3-0
Asher	4	Sinclair	1-2
Duggan	2	Johnson	2-2

OTHER SCORES.

Crawford, W.	4	Kirkpatrick	2-0
Darlington	4	Welch	2-0
McClellan	3	Costello	3-0
Miller	3	Walker	2-1

The following three games were played between Fletcher and Campbell for the medal.

No. 1—Dundee

12..16	25..22	11..15	26..17	10..26
24..19	4..8	19..16	11..16	31..22
16..20	22..18	7..11	17..13	16..19
22..18	8..11	16..7	1..6	28..24
11..15	18..9	2..11	30..26	19..28
18..11	5..14	22..17	3..8	27..23
8..24	29..25	9..13	26..22	28..32
28..19	6..9	32..28	15..18	Black
9..14	25..22	13..22	22..15	wins

Fletcher won.

No. 2—Single Corner

11..15	9..14	15..24	2..11	15..18
22..18	18..19	28..19	31..27	23..19
15..22	5..14	3..8	11..15	18..22
25..18	22..17	25..22	27..24	26..23
8..11	8..12	8..11	20..27	22..25
29..25	27..24	30..26	32..23	19..16
4..8	11..15	16..20	6..9	25..30
26..22	20..11	19..16	7..13	23..19
12..16	7..16	12..19	1..6	White
24..20	24..19	23..7	22..17	wins

Fletcher won.

No. 3—Whilter

11..15	8..11	22..25	14..18	19..24
23..19	31..26	18..11	17..14	2..7
9..14	16..20	7..16	10..17	24..27
22..17	19..16	24..19	21..14	7..10
7..11	12..19	16..23	6..10	27..31
25..22	23..16	27..18	14..7	10..14
11..16	14..18	9..14	2..11	31..27
26..23	26..23	18..9	13..9	14..18
5..9	18..22	5..14	11..16	27..32
17..13	25..18	28..24	19..15	18..27
3..7	15..22	20..27	16..19	32..23
29..25	16..12	32..23	9..6	15..11
1..5	11..15	25..29	18..23	23..18
22..17	23..18	23..19	6..2	11..7

Campbell won with the Blacks.

CROSS.—Played at the Markham Draught Club, last month, between Messrs. Fleming and Reeve

No 4

11..15	2..6	16..19	17..21	19..23
23..18	30..25	24..20	10..6	27..18
8..11	6..10	19..24	21..25	22..6
27..23	25..21	28..10	6..2	1..10
9..13	10..17	5..9	25..30	12..19
18..14	21..14	14..5	1..6	31..27
10..17	1..6	7..30	11..15	3..7
21..14	32..27	22..18	6..10	10..3
4..8	6..10	30..25	15..19	25..22
23..18	29..25	5..1	20..16	3..7
6..10	10..17	25..22	8..12	19..23
25..21	25..21	18..14	2..6	27..18
10..17	12..16	13..17	30..25	22..15
21..14	21..14	14..10	6..1	

Fleming won. A very neat ending

Charles F. Barker, the champion checker-player of the world, arrived at his home in Boston on January 29th. He is 29 years of age, and has been playing in matches since 1873. He has met and defeated nearly all the best checker-players in the world. He has been defeated but twice in his life, and each time his defeat has been manifestly owing to engaging in contest while in poor health. He has engaged in many games in which the American championship was at stake, and has always won. Mr. Barker is the author of several works on checkers, among them being the "American Checker-Player," and the "World's Checker-Book."

J. Johnston and L. G. Harris played six games of checkers at Toronto, last Friday night, the former winning by a score of 3—2 and 1 drawn.

The championship of Pennsylvania has been decided, Mr. Reed winning 7, Priest 1, and 17 draws, Mr. Priest resigning at the end of the 25th game.

The EVENING LAMP of Chicago, is one of the last to start a Checker publication, although not the very last, we are certainly the latest ourselves.

Two games were played by telegraph on Thursday, Feb. 2nd. between W. Fleming of Markham and E. B. Munson of Albany, N. Y., Fleming winning both.

James Labadie, of Chatham, challenges James M. Dykes to play a series of thirty or fifty games of checkers for from \$25 to \$250 a side and the championship of Canada the match to begin at once.

A match of ten games was played last week, at R. Dissett's, Toronto, between C. Pickering, of Baltimore, Ont. and M. Mac-Namara, of the Toronto Draught Club, for \$10 a side, Pickering 5, drawn 2

A friendly match between the champion of Green Co., Mr. Daley and the champion of Columbia, Mr. Tracey, was played at Coxsackie, the 21st ult. which resulted in the score; Daley 6; Tracey, 6, drawn 11

W. Fleming, of Markham, met W. H. Shockey of Ridgetown, formerly of Cincinnati, across the board at the Walker House Toronto, on Tuesday night, February 9th. Fleming winning 18, Shockey 2, drawn, 2

The "Boy Champion" of Eng., Master Richardson and Master Gould of Middlesbrough, played a match at Hartlepool, Jan. 2nd ult, when Master Gould came off victorious with the score; Gould 3; Richardson 2, drawn, 1.

At the New York Checker Club, a handicap tourney was begun last Wednesday with

nearly fifty entries. The players are divided into five classes. Six games are to be played between each pair, the losers in each round dropping out. The first-class gives one game to the second, and so on.

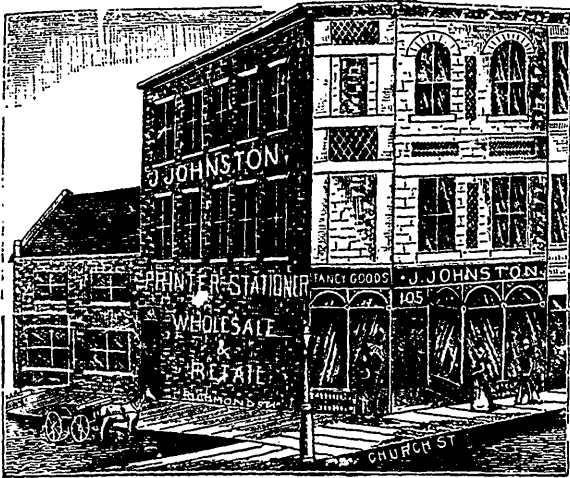
Mr. Lockhart of the New York Checker Club, while in Europe recently had his fellow club members in mind, and picked up during his travels a handsome prize which he has presented to the club and which will be offered to the winner of the next handicap tourney. The gift is a smokers' cabinet complete.

At the conclusion of the 39th game of the Sowell-Dykes checker match at Detroit, the latter threw up the sponge and the stakes were accordingly handed over to the winner. Dykes admitted that he had been fairly beaten and predicted a brilliant career for Sewell as a checker player. Sewell has challenged Labadie to a match for \$50 to \$200 a side.

During his tour of the West Mr. Wright met a worthy opponent in Miss Emma Haskins, a young school-teacher of Bronson, Mich. While Wright played 67 games with other residents of that place and won all of them, against Miss Haskins he failed to win any, the six games played being all drawn. Dr. Kimball, President of the Board of Health of Jackson, Mich., also made a good showing against Wright, but was defeated.

An appreciative lover of the science of checkers says:—
"The game of Draughts is unobjectionable in its aspect and unexhaustible in variety, easy of acquirement by the learner, yet ever presenting new features and striking combinations to delight and reward the diligent student or advanced player; which may be played alike by hardy youth or gentle maiden, by young or old, by rich or by poor, whereon no princely fortunes are squandered nor the poor man made poorer still; an innocent amusement, albeit an incentive to the attainment of the higher branches of more useful science; a solace, a strength and an equipment to sustain and cheer us with work and warfare of our daily life.

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