

communities to increase their production continually, it has made possible the opening up of national resources such as coal and timber, and it has paved the way for the establishment and expansion of secondary industries. The railway service plays a big part in the life of the people, and it has

fulfilled the demands made upon it. The actual railway network today is practically sufficient for the Dominion. It is likely that the chief concern of the department in the future will be the provision of greater comfort for its passengers and the development of a fuller service generally.

THE GAME OF CHESS.

Chess is a popular game in the Argentine. At a recent tournament this brisk little game was played. The Wing Gambit is theoretically unsound, but every now and then takes a new lease of life. The latest variation is illustrated in this struggle between two young and enterprising players.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

Game 8

Mar del Plata, 1944.

White Rosetto	Black Iliesco
1. P—K4	P—QB4
2. P—QKt4 (a)	P x P
3. P—QR3	P—Q4 (b)
4. KP x P	Q x P
5. Kt—KB3 (c)	P—K4
6. P x P	B x P
7. P—B3 (d)	B—B4
8. Kt—R3	Kt—KB3 ! (e)
9. Kt—QKt5	O—O !
10. B—K2 (f)	B—Kt3 ? (g)
11. B—R3	R—Q1
12. P—B4	Q—B3
13. P—B5	B—B2
14. O—O	QKt—Q2 (h)
15. P—Q4	P—K5
16. Kt—Kt5	P—KR3
17. Kt x BP !	K x Kt
18. B—B4 ch.	K—Kt3 (j)
19. P—Q5	Kt x QP
20. B x Kt	Q x Kt
21. B x P ch.	Resigns (k)

(a) By playing the Sicilian Defence, Black shows a desire to counter-attack. White however by giving up this pawn shows his determination to attack even more fiercely.

(b) This is recognised as Black's best line. Taking the second pawn gives White a terrific attack and 3 . . . , P—K4 or 3 . . . , P—K3 have been proved inferior.

(c) The new idea. 4 P—K5, Kt—QB3; 5 P—Q4, etc., was the old line which was in Black's favour. 4 P x P, Q x P; 5 B—Kt2, P—K4, etc., is an old line that this new variation is based on.

(d) Other good possibilities are 7 Kt—R3 or 7 B—R3.

(e) If 8 . . . , P—K5; 9 QKt—Kt5, K—Q1; 10 KKt—Q4, QKt—B3; 11 Q—R4, Kt—B3; 12 B—R3; with a good game for White.

(f) 10 Kt—B7 ?, B x P ch.; followed by Q—B4 ch. winning another pawn.

(g) Black's play up till now has been splendid, but here 10 . . . , P—K5; 11 Kt—Q4, QK—B3; 12 Kt—B7, Q—Kt4; 13 Kt x R, Kt—K4 !! would have given him a great advantage.

(h) Better 14 . . . , B—K3.

(i) Preferable was 15 . . . , Kt—B1; 16 Kt x B, Q xx Kt; 17 Kt x P, Kt—Q4.

(j) If 18 . . . , Kt—Q4; 19 Q—R5ch. If 18 . . . , K—K1; 19 P—Q5, and if 18 . . . , K—K2; 19 Kt x B, Q x Kt; 20 P—B6 dis. ch., etc.

(k) For if 21 . . . , K—Kt4; 22 P—B4 ch., B x P; 23 P—R4ch., etc., whilst if 21 . . . , K—B3; 22 Q—B3ch., etc. Readers will find it interesting to work out the other concluding lines of the magnificent combination.