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ideas, for a consideration as to the ways and means of dealing with new problems and complex situations, but chiefly there should be a re-affirmation of our belief in Amateurism and a reiteration of our determination to carry on in the face of difficult and trying conditions. There may at times be too much "annual report" and not enough work between times, and perhaps at these sessions there is too much thought of legislation and not enough application to the laws we already have. Certainly, the wheel would turn a lot smoother from year to year if all the spokes held firmly. If the critics have directed their shafts at our ability to legislate and our inability or failure to have such legislation carried out, then perhaps they are right, but might we not in fairness, ask each spoke of the wheel, and especially that from which the criticism springs, if it held firmly, or did it allow the wheel to wobble.

We must expect to face much criticism. Any organization that endeavours to "play the game" as this one does, is bound to be the target for those who do not get what they want, but to say that the Union is doomed to "collapse" is ridiculous nonsense unless we are unwise enough to carry our legislation to the point where it will be difficult to define between the amateur on the one hand and the professional on the other. If we become too liberal it will fail, just as the Olympic Games will fail if the International Olympic Committee narrows the bridge between the classifications. The report of the Carnegie Foundation (No. 18), "Games and Sports in British Schools and Universities" cites the discussion of "broken time" and the mixing of amateurs and professionals in connection with English Rugby as far back as 1885 and after discussing the problem from many angles concludes that "the tradition of sportsmanship—built up in the last century and a quarter—shapes the course of amateur sport in every part of the world. It is as much a heritage of American sport as the English language and the English Common Law are other heritages of our national life."

If the line of demarcation is not definitely and positively maintained, if we weaken in carrying on the heritage that is ours and if we fail, a new order will arise to carry on, for the heritage and tradition of amateurism and sportsmanship must and will continue. It is the charge handed to us by our predecessors, it is the duty of our organization to keep it alive, to foster and promote it with all the energy we possess for the welfare of this day and the generations to follow.

Many firm and lasting friendships have been made and I desire to express my thanks for the co-operation shown by so many of the officers of the Union, especially President McVicar, with whom it was such a pleasure to have been associated.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. LAMB,
Honorary Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from
Nov. 30th, 1926 to Oct. 31st, 1927

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Nov. 30th, 1926	\$1,353.57
Interest on Bank Balance	11.22

DUES FROM:

Alberta, 1926 (arrears 1923)	\$150.00
British Columbia, 1927	100.00
Manitoba, 1926	100.00
Ontario, 1926	100.00
Quebec, 1926	100.00
Saskatchewan, 1927	100.00
Thunder Bay, 1927	100.00
	750.00

FEES FROM ALLIED BODIES:

Can. Am. Hockey Assn, 1926	\$25.00
Can. Intercollegiate Ath. Union, 1926	25.00
Y.M.C.A. Athletic League, 1926	25.00
Can. Wheelman's Assn, 1926	25.00
Can. Snowshoe Union, 1927	25.00
Can. Amateur Basketball Assn, 1927	25.00
	150.00

FEES FROM BRANCHES A/c REGISTRATION

CARDS:

Alberta, 1926	\$52.26
British Columbia, 1927	81.64
Manitoba, 1924-1925	71.95
Ontario, 1926	189.82
Quebec 1926	61.44
Thunder Bay, 1927	6.25
	463.36