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The sporting pages of most of the daily papers across the country have, during the past few weeks contained a good deal of material relative to this Union and its relationship to sport in general. One gentleman advocates "separate control of each sport by a reliable executive, whose members have knowledge of each athlete in that particular branch and are qualified to pass on his eligibility." This is characteristic of most of the suggestions made, in that it clearly indicates ignorance of the policy that has been followed by the Union for many years. The Union has time and again declared itself in favor of national governing bodies for various sports and many times has assisted in the formation of such organizations, and at the present time has affiliation with thirteen (13) such national controlling bodies. In each case, **autonomy** over their particular sport is exercised and they are privileged to amend their regulations as they see fit. If, however, they should adopt such amendments as to make their relationship with this Union incompatible, then it will be a question for us to decide as to whether we shall retain our affiliation with them.

One caption reads as follows: "Sport leaders on Prairies are 'fed up' with inconsistencies and unworkable Medes and Pers laws of the tottering Amateur Union of Canada." The article goes on to speak of the "wobbly structure" of the Union and general criticism is levelled.

Perhaps this should be a time for introspection and a taking of stock as to the efficacy of our administration. The line of demarcation is perfectly clear; **either we are an Amateur Union or we are not.** Since we are on the Amateur side of the dividing line, we must allow those who choose to commercialize their skills to go their own way with the business or enterprise in which they are engaged and let us confine our energies and legislation for those who desire to remain as amateurs, and who wish to participate "solely for the pleasure and the physical, mental and social benefits to be derived therefrom" and who experience the thrill and joy of effort and accomplishment for its own sake. The ideas and the ideals of the two groups are entirely different and why should we be tempted to legislate for the inclusion of those who have chosen to go the other way? If the criticism is against the Union for inconsistency and failure to operate in accordance with the laws laid down for its guidance, it may be justifiable and I venture the opinion that there are, in some parts of our country men who hold offices in amateur organizations and who are directly affected in a financial way if their teams should win or lose. There should be more criticism against this pseudo-amateurism and more stringent action on the part of our organization to see that such offenders are put where they belong. Some individuals, when personally interested, are the ones who sing loudest and longest of the step taken by the "misguided youth" when they are aggressively seeking his reinstatement to the amateur ranks.

Greater liberality was shown last year in reinstatements than at any previous time and what was the result—even greater dissatisfaction, petty jealousies, a gross violation of the Constitution and finally the disruption of one of our most important branches. If the criticism is directed against a repetition of such "compassion" then again I say it is justified. For the consideration of this meeting, there are even more applications for "A" class men than there were last year.

These meetings should offer an opportunity for the exchange of