

TENTATIVE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO  
CONSIDER THE INTERMINGLING OF PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS.

At the Annual Meeting of the A.A.U. of Canada, held in Ottawa, December 8th, 9th and 10th, 1932, the following resolution (No. 95) was presented by the Saskatchewan Branch:

"Amend Article III of the Constitution to make provision that an athlete competing in professional sport be permitted to become registered as an amateur in other sports governed by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada and its allied governing bodies, and that he be debarred only from participating in amateur competition in the particular sport in which he may be engaged professionally".

After much discussion, the following amendment was carried:

"That the Saskatchewan resolution be referred to a special committee for careful analysis in order:

- (a) That a study be made of the situation in Canada as well as International and Olympic relationships;
- (b) That a brief be prepared, presenting the arguments for and against;
- (c) That this brief be forwarded to all Branches and Allied Bodies for study and report;
- (d) That the finding, together with a recommendation be submitted at the next Annual Meeting of this body".

PROCEDURE

It was not until early in March that the personnel of the Committee was finally decided upon and on March 30th, 1933, correspondence was initiated with the following International Sport Governing Federations, requesting copies of their Constitutions, By-laws, Rules and Regulations: Athletics, Rowing, Boxing, Fencing, Assn. Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Wrestling, Swimming, Skating and Skiing.

In addition, the following definite questions were asked in order to secure direct information on the problems under consideration:

- (a) If an athlete competes with or against professionals in... would he be eligible for international competition under the jurisdiction of your Federation?
- (b) If an athlete competes with or against professionals in sports other than...., would he be eligible for international competition under the jurisdiction of your Federation?

A summary of the answers received appears later.

The national controlling bodies of fifty nations, members of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, (with governing authority similar to the A.A.U. of C.,) were communicated with. Copies of their constitutions, rules and regulations were asked for and answers to the following definite questions were requested, as your Committee was anxious to determine how such problems were dealt with in other countries:

- (a) If an athlete competes with or against professionals in any form of sport, does your organization permit him to take part in amateur activities under your jurisdiction?
- (b) If an athlete does not lose his amateur status by competing with or against professionals, please state under what sports this permission is granted?
- (c) Is it possible for a professional athlete to be reinstated and take part in amateur activities under your jurisdiction?