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But already the mercenary sport promoter is trying to get his hands upon the sports of Canada, and use them for personal gain. Already so-called athletic clubs are offering young men—and often boys in their teens—"inducements" of money and special privileges to play on their star teams. Some larger athletic organizations depend upon their gate receipts from hockey and other games to pay expenses. Already some athletes with ability are asking "what is there in it for me to play?" Let us remember Greece and Rome, when in their sports, the ideals which characterized their athletes in the days of their supremacy, and made her great, were later forgotten.

Canada's sports are her treasure. They should be kept pure and whole some. Canada's games are character builders, they must be conserved. The best men in the Dominion, the most influential agencies in the land should seek to make and keep them whole some, amateur, democratic. They should be for the participation of the many, not for the exploitation of the few. Their aim should be to make men, ruddy-hued, clean-limbed, well knit, muscle-toned men, not for the development of skilled athletes whose motive is the prize or whose aim is mercenary—though there is a place for honest athletic competition.

This effort for clean amateur sport is on. The crisis is upon us. Shall Canada's competitive sports be amateur? The Colleges should help to settle the problem. It is exceedingly worth while. In fact, viewed from the standpoint of its effect upon young men it is imperative.

The College has been, in North America, the leading factor in athletics. Here teams have set the type of sports and the spirit which governs in them. Unfortunately, they have not always been pure and amateur. The contrary is only too true with many. But the reaction has come. Strict eligibility rules are being established, freshmen frequently are ineligible to participate on representative teams, a scholarship standing is required and competition is limited to three years. Faculties are interesting themselves and are taking a hand in the administration of college athletics. All these are helping greatly to purify sport and make them truly amateur.

But the College is too local in its operation. It is too exclusive in its relations. It has in the past been too self-centered, concerned only in its own athletics irrespective of the interest of sport at large; as it affects the community or the nation.

The influence of the Colleges is needed in the play life of the nation and they should join their efforts for the common welfare. Some time ago the Young Men's Christian Associations of Canada, by uniting together, and entering the old Canadian Amateur Union, in company with other agencies, rejuvenated and energized that latent agency, and made it a potent force for amateur sport, which it had not been heretofore. Some of the athletic clubs unfortunately wanted to employ athletes on a salary so as to get skilled ones, and withdrew from the reform body. While it caused division, it separated the purely amateur organization from the so-called semi-professionals. This had its good effect in drawing a sharp line between the organizations that stood for strictly