

trance fee, or competed with or against professionals for a prize.

Who has never at any period of his life taught, or assisted in the pursuit of any athletic exercise or sport as a means of livelihood; whose membership of any Lacrosse club was not brought about or does not continue because of any mutual agreement or understanding whereby his becoming or continuing a member of such Lacrosse club would be of any pecuniary benefit to him either directly or indirectly.

Who has never, either directly or indirectly, received any payment in lieu of loss of time while playing as a member of any Lacrosse club, or any money consideration whatever for any services rendered as a player, except his actual travelling and hotel expenses.

Sec. 3—Any club convicted of having in its membership professionals of any kind, shall forfeit its membership in this Association.

Sec. 4—No club shall be admitted to membership in this Association unless it adopts in its club constitution the words or sentiments contained in this article.

Article VII—Is now composed of old Article VI, with the exception of the first sentence, which is incorporated in new Article VI. The remainder is unaltered.

The old Article VII is incorporated in Article XIII.

Article VIII—Sec. 1 of this article is amended to read as follows: "At every convention meeting of this Association, if possible, there shall be an Athletic meeting, which shall be open to members of clubs in the Association only; the proceeds shall go into the treasury of the Association."

Article X is amended to read as follows: "Any club wishing to make an appeal or complaint to the Council, for the purpose of obtaining its decision thereon, shall state the appeal or complaint as fully as possible, and furnish to the Secretary of the Association twenty-five copies of the same for distribution amongst the members of the Council. The Secretary shall send two copies to the club or person complained against, who shall, in like manner, within ten days of its receipt, furnish him with twenty-five copies of their defence. The Secretary shall mail a copy of each to every member of the Council, who shall individually decide upon the case, and return his statement and decision. The Secretary shall then allow fourteen days to elapse," &c. The rest of the article remains unaltered.

Article XI—Sec. 1—No club in this Association shall play for a money challenge or money prize under any circumstances whatever.

Sec. 2—Any club playing for a money challenge or money prize shall forfeit its membership in this Association.

Sec. 3—Clubs in this Association shall be allowed to employ Indians, who shall hereafter rank as professionals, either as trainers or for the purpose of playing exhibition matches.

Article XIII—Sec. 1—Is composed of the old article without any change.

Sec. 2 is composed of old Article VII, the first sentence of which is amended to read as follows: "The annual subscription of clubs to this Association shall be as follows: 'Clubs having less than 99 members, three dollars; those having a membership of more than 100, five dollars.'" The remainder of the article is unaltered.

Article XV—This article is now cancelled.

Article XVI now becomes Article XV without any amendment.

Article XVII now becomes Article XVI, and remains unchanged, with the exception of Sec. 2 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2—No amendment or alteration shall be made in any part of this constitution except at the annual convention of the National Association, and by a three-fourths vote of the members present.

Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment

must be made to the Secretary of the Association in writing, and by him communicated to the clubs in its membership at least two months before it can be voted upon. When notice of alteration or amendment has been given as above, both the notice and amendments thereto may be voted upon at the annual convention.

Moved by Mr. James Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. H. Woods,

"That the amendments to the Laws of Lacrosse and Constitution of the Association, as recommended by the Council and passed in committee of the whole, be confirmed."—Carried.

Mr. McNaught then advocated the necessity for the Association having an official organ, that all the clubs could take, and where all reports and other items of general interest could be published with the certainty that it would reach all the clubs in its membership. He claimed that it would not only save the Secretary work and the Association expense, but tend in a very marked degree to bind the Association together and make it more useful than ever. In conclusion he begged to move "that the time has now come when this Association should have a recognized official organ in which all reports of meetings, notices of motion, &c., should be published by the Secretary of the Association." The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. McNaught then asked that Mr. James Watson, editor of TOWN AND COUNTRY, who was present, might be allowed a few minutes to present the claims of his paper. Leave being granted, Mr. Watson, in a brief speech expressed his willingness to let the Association use his paper as their official organ, and to give them as much space to record matches, meetings, &c., as he could possibly spare. He generously offered to reduce the subscription to clubs in the Association to two dollars per annum, and trusted that if they selected TOWN AND COUNTRY as their organ he would have their hearty support and assistance, and he assured them that he should do all that lay in his power to further the interests of the game.

Mr. James Hughes then stated that he was very much pleased that we now had in Canada a sporting paper like TOWN AND COUNTRY, which any person might take to his home without fear that the morals of his family would be corrupted by its contents. After passing a few laudatory remarks on the editor, Mr. Hughes said that he was convinced that the time had fully come when we should have such an organ, and in conclusion begged to move,

"That this Association adopt TOWN AND COUNTRY as its official organ, and recommend all clubs in the Association to subscribe for it." The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. J. Massey brought before the meeting the withdrawal of the Montreal club. He said that while he thought they had acted rather prematurely, still he thought the hand of friendship should be held out, and for the good of the game the club be asked to return to the Association, because the Association had done its best to purge the game of any professionalism. He then moved,

"That the Secretary be instructed to write the Montreal club, now that the Association had been thoroughly purged of any taint of professionalism, and ask them to return again to its membership."

Before the motion was put the official resignation of the club was called for and read. A letter was also read from the Montreal club, declining to send delegates to the Convention on the 4th because they had called one for the 28th.

Mr. Woods opposed anything being done to ask the club to return. He thought that they had not dealt fairly with the Association.

Mr. McNaught strongly advocated the idea of asking the Montreal club to return.

Mr. Tunity thought the best way to deal with the question was to ask the Montreal club to withdraw their resignation.

Mr. Massey said that the Shamrock club should re-

member that they were the cause of all the rumors as to the professional business.

Mr. Woods said that there were rumors in the East that the Torontos were also to blame for the professional element that had got into the game. The name of Mr. E. Giroux being mentioned as having acted last year as paid instructor to a club in the States.

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Baltimore Lacrosse club, who stated that they had paid Mr. Giroux only his expenses, and that his club did not consider Mr. Giroux a professional in the least.

After the above vindication, the expression of the meeting was that Mr. Giroux was an amateur.

Mr. James Hughes objected to requesting the Montreal club to return to the Association, but thought if their resignation was returned with the request that they reconsider it, it would be better.

Mr. Massey amended his motion so as to read as follows:

"That the resignation of the Montreal club as members of this Association be not accepted, and that the Secretary be requested to send them a copy of the changes in the laws and ask them to reconsider their decision in the matter." Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. J. Fraser were then appointed scrutineers to count the ballots for the election of officers for the ensuing year:—

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:

President—S. C. Stevenson, of Montreal.

Vice President—R. B. Hamilton, of Toronto.

Second Vice-President—J. J. Manning, of Brampton.

Secretary and Treasurer—W. K. McNaught, of Toronto.

Mr. McNaught, in a brief speech, referred to the many and valuable services of Dr. W. George Beers, of Montreal, and stated that as he would not accept any tangible proof of their appreciation they ought to elect him permanent Honorary President of the Association.

The motion was unanimously carried with applause.

COUNCIL—J. Fraser, of Dominions, Toronto; A. H. Woods, Shamrocks, Montreal; D. A. Rose, Ontario, Toronto; George A. Hunter, Cornwallis, Cornwall; W. R. James, Athletics, St. Catharines; J. W. Ogston, Guelphs, Guelph; F. H. Walker, Orillias, Orillia; J. McCallum, Emmets, Montreal; A. B. Weaver, Cliftons, of Clifton; P. J. McElroy, Emeralds, Montreal.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. A. H. Woods moved, seconded by Mr. Massey, "That the cordial thanks of the Association be tendered to the retiring officers for their efforts to promote the interests of lacrosse, and that a committee be appointed to express in a tangible manner the feeling of the Association to the indefatigable Sec. Treas., Mr. McNaught."

The motion was carried unanimously, amid applause.

Moved by Mr. Tunity,

"That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Toronto Lacrosse club for their kindness in placing at its disposal the free use of their rooms and ground."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. A. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. J. Massey,

"That we do now adjourn, to meet in Montreal next year." Carried.

(Signed) W. K. McNAUGHT,
Hon. Sec. N. A. L. A. of C.

C. E. German was drowned by the swamping of a canoe on Pigeon Lake, on May 29. He and two of his companions were towing a shell across the lake when a gale was blowing and the canoe was soon filled with water. After holding on to the craft for nearly two hours, German attempted to swim ashore, but sank before he reached land, the other two eventually drifting ashore in a terribly exhausted condition.