

We are, of course, very much concerned with the general trend of the times, in which it appears that what should be the true spirit of the game is being sacrificed on the altar of commercialism and professionalism. We believe that there is a growing laxity in public opinion in this matter, and that even administrative bodies are not as alert as they should be in combatting this evil. There are athletic associations in this city, for instance, calling themselves "amateur", but we know that they have departed from the true spirit of the term. It is true that amateur championships have drawn as large a number of spectators as contests by professionals in the same line of sport; but the question is, Were all the players really amateurs?

The recent action of the International Olympic Committee in permitting payment for "broken" time while preparing for and competing in athletic contests is, in my opinion, a breach in the defences of true amateurism. I believe, also, that this action will lead in all probability to a further relaxation and narrowing of the distinction between those who participate for the joy of the game and those who capitalize their athletic skill.

Bulletin 23 shows the colleges and universities wherein abuses, misconceptions and weaknesses lie. The correction of these abuses and the obligation to re-establish athletic activities in their proper place in the educational world must lie with the administrative officers of these institutions. We at McGill are doubly on our guard as a result of the investigation of the Foundation and we desire to express our sincere congratulations to those responsible for the study. We believe that it will be productive of much good and we give the assurance of our heartiest co-operation in the continuation of your work.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal