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Dear Sir :

Thank you very much for your letter of Saturday and I want to tell you that I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me on this subject.

I would like to explain to you the reasons I had for resigning from the Rules Commission so that you will see that your remark to me did not have any bearing on my action. The Rules Commission met in Montreal in December and it was the unanimous opinion of those present at the meeting that in the football game of to-day, the defence is so much stronger than the offence, that football games are won by taking advantage of mistakes made, rather than being earned by one team being superior to another. With this in view the following suggestions were made for strengthening the offence :

Firstly: Forward pass.

Secondly: Limiting the position where players on each team might stand.

Thirdly : Increasing the interference zone from three yards to five yards.

The forward pass was not considered at that time as none of us were very favorable toward it. The second suggestion was turned down as impracticable and most of the morning was spent discussing the third suggestion which seemed to be the only logical way to open up the game.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon and when we re-assembled, much to our surprise, Mr Foulds of Toronto and Mr. Malcolm of Queens suggested that we adopt the forward pass in some modified form that could be adopted to our Canadian rules. This matter was discussed at length and the meeting was adjourned for two months and a sub-committee was appointed to draw up rules and submit them at the next meeting. Mr. Foulds, Mr. Malcolm and myself were appointed