

Intermittently until 1879, the discussions were continued, but in that year the Henley Stewards adopted rules as to who was not an amateur and the segregation became firmly established in rowing. This was the first sport in which a governing body attempted to solve through statute, the problems implied and the definition then adopted formed the basis of our present day status.

The Football Association established a distinction in Status between the amateur and the professional in 1885, and the Rugby Football Union in 1886, passed its first regulation designed to prevent private gain from the game. The question of "broken time", sometimes considered of recent origin, was the cause of much controversy in 1893, and it was argued that "players were coming to value the game only for the cash return that it gave them. It was also felt that the mingling of amateur and professional players on the same team destroyed unity". This led to the secession of several clubs and the formation of the Northern Union. Also, a few years later the question of "monetary testimonials" was the cause of much discussion.

Although Dr. W.G. Grace by his great skill as a cricketer, enabled the Gentlemen to win from the Players, he was the recipient in monetary testimonials of more than £9000. The years during which these gifts were made, 1879 and 1896, were times of the most intense discussion of the amateur problem in British sport. Since 1896, a fairly unified conception of what characterizes the amateur has been extended into practically every field of British sport.

From these early beginnings, national controlling bodies and international federations have inherited traditions, which in the main are similar, though we still find many glaring inconsistencies persisting which seem difficult for us to comprehend. Modifications have become necessary in the light of changing interests and popularity, but it is safe to say that there is a very close parallel between gate money, professionalization and eligibility problems. Commercialization is insidious, it is difficult to say where it begins or where it may end, but it is certain that as it increases in any form of sport, it carries along with it many new problems, not the least of which is the amateur status. These problems have been faced by national and international bodies almost continuously, in the light of changing conditions and standards. The general distinction between the amateur and the professional has been maintained on the basis that the amateur plays games because he enjoys them, because "he neither directly or indirectly receives any material compensation therefrom" and because of the sheer joy of competition and the delight of well co-ordinated physical and mental effort. The professional also enjoys games but his interest in the game is modified by the monetary or material reward he secures from participation therein. The classification, however, probably should not be made entirely on the basis of money value, for "men who play for motives other than the love of the game, men to whom victory, however won, is the controlling end, are men already on the road to professionalism, men who have in some measure sacrificed their amateurism".

The code in force in the A.A.U. of C., is essentially the same as in most of the national bodies and the proposals which are under discussion are for the purpose of giving serious consideration as to whether the conditions in Canada warrant some amendment to the existing amateur definition.

THE PROPOSAL

The proposal, as stated at the outset, is to modify the regulations so that a professional in one sport would be eligible for registration as an amateur in other forms of sport. Space does not permit the propounding of arguments for and against such a proposal. Perhaps a brief statement or two will suffice.

There are those who declare that "times and opinions have changed and we are attempting the difficult task of hiding the facts from ourselves". One writer says, "Briefly the solution or a great part of that solution may be summed up laconically in half a dozen words. Let amateurs and professionals play together..... Let prowess be the yardstick, not