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## WIDER INTEREST IN UNIONS URGED HERE

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ated branches of the union represented. At the request of the meeting, no publicity will be given these reports until they are dealt with by the resolutions committee. The report of the public committee was also referred to the resolutions committee. At 12:30 o'clock the meeting was adjourned until 2 p. m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Lengthy reports were submitted by Dr. A. S. Lamb, the honorary secretary, T. R. Landon, chairman of the affiliations and alliances committee, John De Gruchy, chairman of the women's athletic activities committee, the latter report being submitted by J. H. Crocker in the absence of the chairman, and the report of the National Registration Committee.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Gentlemen:—It has been a great education as well as a great privilege for me to act as President of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. It has, however, been brought home to me very forcibly that from out of the fifty or sixty representatives of branches of our Association and of the National governing bodies affiliated with us, there are some forty or fifty who assume their duties lightly, and simply for the publicity and honor incident to the office, and without any thought of their responsibilities; and some twelve or fifteen throughout the whole Dominion who honestly put their whole heart and soul into the job that they are expected to do.

I know that all we need to settle any question of Amateur Rules is a National spirit of friendly co-operation. Let us forget our own local troubles which in the light of national unity may really prove to be trivial. Let us agree to co-operate in a friendly spirit, as good sportsmen should always do. In all our dealings with one another, let us keep in our minds the Golden Rule and, instead of trying to get something that will be nice for ourselves, let us think of the future of amateur sport throughout the whole Dominion.

### AMATEUR QUESTION

May I also quote from the regulations of the Congress at Geneva in 1921 as follows: "If it is proved that any of the National Associations do not follow the amateur status, the International Federation will, after investigation, make the necessary restraints with the Association at fault." Is it possible to conceive that this great Federation should ever have reason to "remonstrate" with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada? "Let us commence our meeting by re-affirming our creed, 'An amateur is one who competes for the love of sport.' This brings us to the conclusion, gentlemen, which we cannot escape, that one who competes for money is not an amateur, nor can he be an amateur so long as he continues to do so.

Another question of great importance to most of our members is what to do with the man who has stepped outside the bounds. Many of our young men have competed for money because there has been no other local competition for him to enter. Some have voluntarily joined the professional ranks only to find they are not sufficiently skilled to hold a place with their team. Some have been ill-advised and bitterly regret the move. Are we to keep these men out of all organized amateur sport? Do we not encourage them to make false statements of their professional status? Do some of us not gloss over the professional acts because we know the rule to be "once a professional always a professional"? Is it not the fact that our rules would be more carefully followed if we should provide a means whereby these men could return to amateur competitions? We do not even say "once a criminal always a criminal." Why should we be more harsh in sport?

"Again, we must keep in mind the declaration of the amateur status of the I. A. A. F. that 'Anyone who shall have knowingly become a professional shall not be reinstated as an amateur,' but for local and purely Canadian competition let us extend mercy where mercy should be given and if we find a young man who, for one reason or another, has lost his amateur status, but who wishes to again compete for the love of sport, let us take him in and help to make a good Canadian citizen of him, instead of standing aside and encouraging him to become a cheat or worse.

**MEETING AT CENTRAL POINT.** While certain sportsman's agreement was made at the last meeting as to the place of the next annual meeting that will unquestionably be respected if the people of the West so desire, may I, without expressing any personal opinion, offer a suggestion that the next meeting of this association consider the advisability of con-

## Got Relief From Dyspepsia

Mrs. Clarence Sealy, Bathurst, N.B., writes:—"I suffered a long time from dyspepsia. I used tablets and medicines of all kinds, but got no relief until I started using

**BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS**

After taking two bottles I can gladly say that I became much better, and can now eat most any kind of food without having to suffer for it after."

For the past 45 years B.B.B. has been put up only by The T. McBurney Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

## N.B. EXPORTS 800,000 CHRISTMAS TREES

Buyers From U. S. in Province as Early as Last July

Canadian Press  
FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 9.—Approximately 800,000 Christmas trees have been exported from the province to the United States market this year, according to an unofficial estimate based on shipments of some 400 carloads averaging 2,000 trees per car.

Buyers for United States firms dealing in the supply of Christmas trees this season, appeared in this province as early as July last, for the purpose of arranging for this year's supplies.

### METHOD OF PURCHASE

Trees were purchased from private land owners under an arrangement which permitted the purchasers to select and inspect their individual trees before being tied in bundles for loading and shipment. Operations were supervised to some extent, by officials of the Department of Lands and Mines in order to ensure that the trees exported were not cut from Crown Lands, where the cutting of young growth is prohibited.

### FERDINAND RALLIES FROM OPERATIONS

King of Rumania in no Immediate Danger of Death, Says Report

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 9.—The series of surgical operations necessitated by King Ferdinand's intestinal ailment has been completed.

It will require a period of seventeen days, it is estimated, to ascertain whether the artificial organ (a silver tube) installed in the lower intestine yesterday for final functioning of the digestive apparatus, is working satisfactorily.

Meanwhile, it is declared the King is in no immediate danger of death. He has rallied from the surgical shock, and is weak, but feels after three days in the hands of the surgeons.

### MISSED PRINCE BY LOOKING FOR HIM

Mrs. Gray Would Have Met King's Son Had She Stayed in Store

When a prince comes to town there is usually a rush of patriotic citizens all eager to catch a passing glimpse of a member of the Royal Family, but not every citizen receives the distinction of a visit from the noble personage himself.

Mrs. Gray, of Gray's Shoe Store, Main street, on Tuesday made up her mind that whatever happened she was going to see King George's youngest son.

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### "TIGER" GRIEVES

Clemenceau Moved at Funeral of Claude Monet Yesterday

GIVERNY, France, Dec. 9.—With tears streaming down his aged, wrinkled face, Georges Clemenceau, France's war-time premier, yesterday trudged behind the body of his lifelong friend, the famous impressionist painter, Claude Monet, as it was borne to its last resting place.

The "Tiger" who rarely if ever, appeared tired and heartick, as he walked half the distance to the cemetery and then, trembling with emotion, permitted friends to persuade him to finish the trip in an automobile.

### Marriage Date Is Forgotten By Court

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Count Ludwig Salm-Hogstraten couldn't remember the date of his marriage to Millicent Rogers, standard oil heiress, when he took the stand in his separation action yesterday, but he told in detail of financial benefits which derived to him from the ceremony.

Several times during the ordeal, the Count, a dashing figure in formal attire, completely lost his composure, and he and the opposing attorney shouted at each other as though physical conflict were the only possible sequel.

**TRIAL ADJOURNED.** NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Trial of the separation suit of Count Ludwig Salm-Hogstraten against Millicent Rogers, Standard Oil heiress, was adjourned to day until January 17.

## Letters To The Editor

A PLEA FOR ECONOMY.

Editor Times-Star:  
Sir,—The Mayor's suggestion to the commissioners on Monday last that they consider a 20 p.c. cut in their appropriations for all city departments is timely and, I am sure, will be commended by all thinking taxpayers, both owners of real estate and tenants.

Property owners are faced with vacant and unsaleable holdings, and tenants are obliged to take lodgers to help meet rent already high enough.

Under our present assessment law with its inflated property values, the high rate of 2.36 p.c. the padlock is effectively placed on new construction.

Any increase in the rate or valuation will make the conditions operating against real estate most discouraging and deplorable. Economy should be the slogan under present conditions.

Our commissioners were not elected to dispense charity or pose as philanthropists. Personally, I think there is considerable "sentiment" in establishing a community hall in Carleton at a cost of over \$70,000 and in transferring ferry patrons across the harbor for less than cost. There are a number of excellent school buildings on the West Side that could be used as a community hall, and a ten cent rate for ferry passengers would wipe out the annual loss on that item of about \$70,000.

The City Council speaks of widening Mill street; an expensive operation which would not relieve traffic to any degree; the logical thing at Mill street is an overhead roadway.

Thanking you for your valued space, Mr. Editor,  
I am, a victimized taxpayer,  
JOHN FLOOD  
123 Duke Street City

### Duchess Must Rest Before Departure

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A constant round of entertainments preliminary to her departure January 8 for Australia has so fatigued the Duchess of York that her physicians have caused her to cancel all evening engagements during the holidays. Within the last week the Duke and Duchess have been the honor guests at various official functions planned as "bon voyage" parties for them.

13 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

Why not try morning shopping for better selection and service.

### Our Art Department Is Full of Christmas Ideas

Here are Candlesticks of unique designs practically of every description. All are charming and beautiful.

Brass Candlesticks—Jacobean type. Prices \$3 to \$50.  
Brass Candlesticks—Price \$13.  
Mahogany Candlesticks from... \$3 up.  
Book Ends, in quaint designs, mahogany and bronze.  
Cups and Saucers, in Crown China.  
Prices 85c, \$1, \$1.25.  
Mahogany Clocks with Westminster and Cathedral chimes.

Electric Newel Lights of French Bronze—One, two and three branch lights. Price... \$12 up.

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