

Olympic Games of Amsterdam, because the I. O. C. does not admit requalification of professionals. The I. O. C. desirous of maintaining for its own games the Olympic conception of amateurism and at the same time wishing that the games shall be open to all who are duly qualified; draws attention to the fact that only those amateurs can take part in the Games, whose qualifications are in accordance with the Olympic Rules.

It hopes that the said Federations will realise that unless they alter their rules so as to conform with the principles of qualification of the I.O.C. voted by the Congress of Prague or permit such of their membres as do comply with its rules to compete, those sports can not be included in the Olympic Programme».

This resolution was carried unanimously.

2. AUDIENCE OF S.E. TSUNG YEE LO.

The I.O.C. received S.E. Tsung Yee Lo, who expressed the regrets of Dr. C.T. Wang, the Chinese delegate, that his duties as Minister for Foreign Affairs had prevented him from coming to Amsterdam. Mr. Tsung Yee Lo informed the Committee of the interest taken throughout China by the Chinese sporting world, not only in the Games of the Far-East, but in the whole Olympic movement. Every possible steps, he added, will be taken to ensure that a strong Chinese team will be sent to take part in the Xth Olympiad.

3. ATHLETIC MEDAL

Count Bonacossa read his proposal for the creation of an Athletic Medal, which he had modified by suppressing the last two claims. The I.O.C. decided to refer the proposal to a Sub-Committee consisting of Prince Lubomirski, Count de Penha-Garcia, Mr. J. S. Edstrom and Count Bonacossa to report to the I.O.C. at its next meeting.

4. PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

General Kentish, for the benefit of those members not acquainted with the Playing Fields question, gave an outline of the movement since its inception in Lisbon in 1926. He stated that in response to the letter circulated by order of the I.O.C. in Monaco to all National Olympic Committees, replies had been received from the following: Cuba, France, Germany, Great Britain, Haiti, Hungary, Norway, Poland, South Africa. Spain and Switzerland.

He added that at a meeting of the sub. Committee held in Amsterdam on the 1st August it had been decided to address a letter to the President informing him of the response to the Monaco letter and urging that, in view of the immense importance of every country providing its youth with a sufficient number of playing fields a second letter should be addressed to those National Olympic Committees, which had not replied requesting them to give the matter their attention. The President stated that he had received this letter and it was unanimously decided to carry out the suggestions contained therein.

(b) The Committee then heard with great interest the reports made by several of its members as to the progress the Playing Field movement had made and was making in their respective countries viz: the

Marquis de Polignac, General Kentish, Count Baillet-Latour, Count von Rosen, J.J. Keane, Baron de Blonay, Prince Lubomirski, Lord Rochdale, Sir Thomas Fearley, Dr. Lewald, M. Matheu, M. Djoukitch, and Dr. Jiri Guth-Jarkovsky. From their reports it was evident that the importance of the matter was fully recognised.

(c) The President of the I.O.C. congratulated General Kentish (Chairman) and the members of the Playing Fields Committee on the excellent work they had carried out since Lisbon, and he also paid a tribute to the National Olympic Committees of the countries referred to above and to the special Committees which had given them their assistance.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE BURGOMASTER OF AMSTERDAM

Before closing the meeting, thanks were voted to the Burgomaster and Councillors of the City of Amsterdam for their kindness in placing at the disposal of the I.O.C. the hall in which its meetings had been held.

6. NEXT MEETING OF THE I. O. C.

The Meeting of 1929 will be held in Alexandria and will open on March 31st.

The President then declared the Meeting of 1928 closed.

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6.— Conference of the South American Games

Amsterdam 31st July, 1928.

I. — A meeting of those countries interested in the Latin-American Games met under the Presidency of Count Baillet-Latour on the 31st July.

Argentine, Chili, Peru and Paraguay were represented as well as the Y.M.C.A.

2. — (a) The choice of a country in which the 2nd South American Games should be celebrated was discussed.

(b) The President acknowledged a letter he had received from M. Alfredo Benavides (Peru), asking that a Provisional Committee, consisting of delegates to the I.O.C. for South America, be appointed to get into communication with the countries concerned.

(c) After having heard the unanimous opinion of the delegates concerning the distances, which separated the different countries, the expenses incurred by these long journeys, and consequently the considerable expenditure which the Committee of the country organising would incur, in order to defray the competitors expenses, and finally taking into consideration the fact that South American Championships for each sport are now held every year, not simultaneously, but at the time of the year best suited to each of them, it was unanimously decided to give up the idea of establishing a cycle of South American Games, as it was thought wiser to reserve all financial resources for the training and preparation of the athletes and their participation in the Olympiads.

