

The following were not represented:

International Federation of Rowing Associations.
International Hockey Federation.
International Swimming Federation.
International Weightlifting Federation.
Yacht Racing Union.

2. — During the course of this meeting an exchange of views took place concerning:

(a) The action of the International Football Federation in admitting the principle of limited broken time to their rules of Amateurism.

(b) The views expressed at the Congress of Prague regarding the recognition of the Olympic Games as the World's Amateur Championships.

With regard to (a) every representative present with the exception of the International Wrestling Federation and the International Football Federation, declared that their Federations were entirely opposed to the principle of payment for broken time.

With regard to (b), the following summarises the views of the Federations concerned:

- I. The International Wrestling Federation.
- The International Boxing Federation.
- The International Fencing Federation.
- The International Swimming Federation.
- The International Athletic Federation.
- The International Football Federation.

all recognise the Olympic Championships as the world's Championships.

II. The International Football Federation is contemplating organising a world's championship open to amateurs and professionals, but this would have no reference to the Olympic Games.

III. The International Equestrian Federation does not organise World's Championships.

The President in concluding the conference thanked the International Federations for very kindly giving the Executive Committee their views on these two very important subjects and he asked them between now and the Congress of Berlin to study the question of «Broken Time» and any other matter of importance which the Congress would have to discuss.

The Conference then terminated.

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10.— Meeting of the Presidents of National Olympic Committees

Amsterdam, 5th August, 1928.

I. — A conference between members of the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of the National Olympic Committees, or their representatives, took place under the Presidency of Count Baillet-Latour, on the 5th August.

2. — The President in opening the meeting first thanked those Chairmen of their National Olympic Committees or their representatives who had been good enough to come to the meeting and he spoke of the good that an interchange of views and an expression of opinion on matters to do with Olympiads must do the movement; he then invited any representatives present to speak. In response, several representatives took

part in a most interesting discussion, each in turn outlining points which in their opinion were worthy of consideration either by the I.O.C. the International Federations, or by the Committee of the country in which the Games were being organised. All without exception paid a tribute to the excellence of the arrangements made for the carrying out of the IXth Olympiad, and they paid a tribute to the I.O.C., the International Federations and the Dutch Olympic Committee for the efforts which all these bodies had made to bring about such splendid results.

3. — The President then called on Brig-Gen. R. J. Kentish (Chairman of the Playing Fields Sub-Committee of the I.O.C.) to give an account of the work which the Sub-Committee, appointed in Lisbon in 1926, had carried out and of the progress of the movement generally. General Kentish made the statement which he had already made to the I.O.C. at its session on the 3rd August. He however took the opportunity of drawing the attention of everyone present to the fact that the provision of playing fields for the youth of every country was an absolute necessity and that the every Government of every country in the world ought to, and must give its attention to the problem. He further said that it was the duty of every National Olympic Committee to represent to its respective Government the need for it to take action before all the suitable and available fields had been used for building or other purposes. He concluded by naming those countries, which had responded to the Monaco letter of 1927 and he earnestly appealed to those, which had not yet replied, to do so with the least delay possible.

Several representatives then joined in the discussion which followed and finally it was decided that the Playing Fields Committee should prepare and circulate to all the National Olympic Committees a questionnaire, which they would be asked to complete and return to the Secretary of the I.O.C.

4. — The President then spoke of the great importance of the Official Bulletin having a wider circulation in the sporting world of all countries and he urged every representative present to do his utmost to increase its circulation in his own country.

5. — The President next referred to the recent controversy that had arisen on the «broken-time» question and the action of the International Football Federation in changing its rules on Amateurism so as to admit limited payment for «broken-time». He said that this question would probably be the most important of all those which the Congress of Berlin could have to discuss and he urged the representatives present to examine the subject very closely and to come to Berlin with a full knowledge of the principles involved.

6. — The President, in bringing the Conference to a close, paid the warmest possible tribute to the Chairmen of the National Olympic Committees and to their respective Committees, for the immense amount of time and hard work they had devoted to the preparation of, and the bringing of their teams to the IXth Olympiad, and he asked them to convey his own personal thanks and those of his colleagues of the International Olympic Committee to their Committees on their return to their respective countries.

The conference then terminated.