

said commission to be composed of the President, Baron Godefroy de Blonay, Mr. J. S. Edström, Count Clarence de Rosen and Mr. J. G. Merrick.

PRIZE FOR HUNTING AND ALPINISM. —

The Committee decided not to award a hunting prize for the Xth Olympiad.

Upon the proposal of H. E. Dr. Lewald, supported by Count Bonacossa, the Committee awarded the Prize of Alpinism to Mr. Schmidt (Germany) for his remarkable exploit in climbing the Matterhorn on the north side, accompanied by his brother, since deceased.

Mr. J. S. Edström, while he voted the award of the Prize of Alpinism to Mr. Schmidt, remarked that it would be wise to consult the International Federation involved for the award of these special prizes.

PROPOSAL OF MR. J. G. MERRICK. — Mr. Merrick made a proposal tending to strengthen the rights of the Jury of Honour; it will be studied by the Executive Commission.

PROPOSAL OF MR. J. S. ESTROM. — Mr. Edström expressed the wish that in the future the insignia (badge) of members of the Jury of Honour and of members of the I.O.C. will entitle to entry to all stadiums, without the necessity of any other credentials.

BULLETIN. — The President consulted the Committee regarding the necessary steps to be taken relative to the publication of the official Bulletin. Opinions differed on the question of whether or not publicity should be admitted. However, it was unanimously agreed that, to make it more interesting for the reader, the columns of the Bulletin should be opened to the International Federations and National Olympic Committees. This question will be studied in detail by the Bureau.

SUBSCRIPTION. — The subscription for 1932 remained at 200 Swiss Francs, as in previous years.

THE BUDGET for 1932 was adopted and the accounts approved.

MEETING OF 1933. — The I.O.C. having previously accepted the invitation extended by Dr. Schmidt in 1930 will meet at Vienna in 1933. The date chosen is June 11th to 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The Secretary of the I.O.C. The President of the I.O.C.
A. G. Berdez. Baillet-Latour.

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4. — **Report of the Xth Olympiad**

The Games of the Xth Olympiad were opened on Saturday, July 30th, by the Honorable Charles Curtis, Vice-President of the United States of America, who had been delegated to represent President Herbert Hoover, as the national political situation demanded the President's presence in Washington. The Games

ended with the customary closing ceremony on Sunday, August 14th.

The Games were outstanding by reason of the widespread interest and unusual enthusiasm shown by the general public. The policy of the Organizing Committee which, during four years, consisted not only in taking care of the physical preparations for the competitions, but in familiarizing the public with the Olympic idea, was crowned with success. More than one hundred thousand persons filled the Stadium during the Opening Ceremony and the emotion experienced by this audience will leave an unforgettable memory with those who have followed the development of the Olympic movement from the day when Baron Pierre de Coubertin expressed his ideas at the Sorbonne. For the first time the Olympic Hymn, by Mr. Bradley Keeler, was rendered.

The cycling track at Pasadena, the rowing course at Long Beach, the Riviera Country Club for the equestrian sports, the various stadia for fencing, wrestling, boxing, etc. surpassed by far anything that had been done before. Records were broken every day and the art competitions marked a notable improvement over those in the past. Miss Leila Mechlin can feel justly proud to have directed the exhibition of the works of art at the Museum, especially so in view of the fact that by reason of difficulties encountered during the installations, she was unable to have the rooms which had been promised her.

Finally, the Olympic Village will certainly remain as the masterpiece of the Xth Olympiad. It realized the most perfect conception of the Olympic idea. This Village consisted of a group of communities where, without police, each athlete, his own master, lived in friendship with his neighbours. The excellent relations established in this fashion among the various competitors were probably responsible for the harmony which existed during all contests, unless this should be attributed to the happiness of living in the ideal climate of California, where the sun bathes the land in its rays, where the heat is tempered by the breezes from the Pacific and where the sky is always cloudless.

It is difficult to name all those who have worked with this enormous organization, but in paying homage to the efficiency of the work of each one, it is well to cite especially that of Mr. Zack J. Farmer, General Secretary, assisted by Miss Julia C. Mayer, of Mr. H. O. Davis, Director of the Olympic Village, and of Mr. William M. Henry, Sports Technical Director.

It is fortunate that facts have proved how great a mistake was made by those pessimists who for the past several months, predicted the failure of the Games of the Xth Olympiad. There was a large number of participants in spite of the difficult circumstances. The Xth Olympiad Committee (Organizing Committee) has rendered an outstanding service to the Olympic cause by providing that the success of the Olympic Games is assured, no matter in what continent they may be held.

In addition to the banquet given by the Organizing Committee on the eve of the opening of the Games, and the official dinners by the National Committees

of Great Britain, Italy and Japan, numerous receptions were organized by the hostesses as well as by the residents of Los Angeles, Hollywood, Long Beach and Pasadena who invited the officials and athletes to balls, dinners, teas, garden parties and visits to the studios. At the Olympic Village the athletes had an open-air theatre and a club-room where they received their friends.

Before leaving Los Angeles, the President of the I.O.C. tendered his thanks, in the name of his colleagues, to the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, the Honorable John C. Porter, to President William May Garland, to the two Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Le Roy Sanders and Maynard McFie, and to the members of the Organizing Committee.

Anxious to offer a special token of gratitude to Messrs. Zack J. Farmer and H. O. Davis, Count de Baillet-Latour presented them with a souvenir medal as a token of his great appreciation for the manner in which they have served the Olympic cause.

5. — **Various Meetings**

The President of the I.O.C. together with members of the Executive Commission, summoned the delegates from the National Olympic Committees present in Los Angeles on Sunday, August 7th, in the morning, to discuss with them the current affairs.

The Modern Pentathlon Committee met also at the end of this session.

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6. — **Jury of Honour**

The Jury of Honour, having met, desired to state its satisfaction with the spirit of sportsmanship shown by the athletes during the Games. It is specially anxious to cite that of Messrs. R. Hill and T. Evenson.

On the other hand, it congratulates the International Federations upon their firmness in maintaining the character and dignity of the Games.

