

C O P Y

February 15th, 1938.

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Dear Mr. Crocker:

You will recall that I discussed the basketball situation in Canada with you when I saw you in Canada last August at your Canadian summer home. I had a letter on this same subject from Samuel Rogers under date of September 20, 1937. I, also, received a letter on October 15, 1937, attaching thereto copy of a letter from Mr. Samuel Rogers to you under date of October 14. I am sorry to have neglected the matter of attending to this problem for so long. These letters should have been answered and I should have expressed my best judgment on the various questions raised a long time since. However, I am at last taking cognizance of the matter and giving you herewith my best judgment.

The situation existing in Canada at the present time seems somewhat complicated and I may not be entirely correct in my premises and, therefore, possibly wrong in my conclusions. In the first instance, as I recall, you represented the interest of Canada in our Basketball Rules Committee meeting as official spokesman for the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, and also, for the school and college interest, which later was more definitely organized as the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union. In this earlier stage of development, the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association was definitely a subsidiary of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, and when Samuel Rogers came to our meeting as a Canadian representative, he had been definitely delegated by the president of the A. A. U. of Canada. It always has been my understanding that we were dealing with the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union and the A.A.U. of Canada, which correspond to the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States in its relation to amateur sport in Canada.

As the picture appears to me now, the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association has decided to withdraw from the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada and operate as an independent group. It seems to me indicated, therefore, that the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association should not be recognized officially at the present time by our basketball group in preference to the A.A.U. of Canada. In other words, it seems to me in order that the president of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union should appoint an official representative to our Rules Committee to succeed Samuel Rogers or Mr. C. R. Blackstock.