

Why is Canada with only 27 votes tabulated on the questionnaire representing all of the various bodies in Canada given two representatives on the Rules Committee?

- (3) Certain factors have caused the coaches to question the organization of the National Basketball Committee:

The determination of Mr. Porter to press the issue relative to the molded basketball and the fan-shaped bankboard has developed the question regarding the evil of having anyone as a permanent member of the Rules Committee. When this permanent member of the Rules Committee is also the permanent Chairman of the Questionnaire Committee and has the power which Mr. Porter holds over the high school group through his position with the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations, he is subject to the efforts of many PRESSURE GROUPS. Certainly this is not a healthy situation and is one that the National Collegiate Athletic Association could well investigate.

Quoting from another letter from Mr. Rowe in an effort to show the power which Mr. Porter exerts on his group:

"----- (Porter) as secretary of the Rules Committee, he is very influential, of course, and if I can enlist his support of these things, it will go a long way toward securing the sort of Rules Committee action you coaches are anxious to have."

"Porter will continue as a member of the Basketball Rules Committee rather indefinitely. He is secretary of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations and, as such, will logically continue as one of their representatives on the Rules Committee."

- (4) The members of our association have been puzzled by just what functions are proper on part of the members of the National Basketball Committee. The following inconsistencies are noted:

- (a) Endorsement of the fan-shaped backboard by Mr. H. V. Porter for the J. E. Porter Company, manufacturers of the board.
- (b) Article in the October 1941 issue of the ATHLETIC JOURNAL entitled, "YOU CAN NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS."

Not only did this article condemn the college coaches for their expression of attitude against this article in a disrespectful manner, but the article was also used in a reprint sent out by the same J. E. Porter Company.

The National Basketball Coaches Association feels that this is contrary to the spirit of the duties of the members of the Rules Committee to in any way endorse any article of equipment or to push any new rule adoption. If the proposal has merit, IT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE COACHES OF BASKETBALL.

The plan of action for the committee in studying the proposals for better relationships between the two groups seemed to resolve itself into the following phases:

- (1) Contact with the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association relative to the functions of the N.C.A.A. representatives and the possibilities of an appeal to that body should our efforts to improve relationships with the National Basketball Committee fail.

Mr. Phillip Badger of the N.C.A.A. was contacted for advice relative to the functions