

PATRICK SAYS AMATEURS ARE SPOILING GAME

Charges That They Are Being Paid More Than Professionals.

Vancouver, Oct. 21.—The reinstatement of former professionals by amateur athletic unions of Alberta and Saskatchewan has deprived the Pacific Coast Hockey Association of Dick, who prior to going overseas, proved a sensation with the Portland Club. He is the third player to turn down the professional body for the amateur brand, Mackay and Stanley, for the past few seasons with Vancouver, having been granted amateur cards in Alberta.

"We cannot hope to compete with amateurs of Alberta and Saskatchewan when they pay a better price than we pay for playing talent," declared President Frank Patrick. "The actions of the amateur organizations of the middle west are not in the interests of amateur sport and a halt should be called by the head officials."

MAYOR REPORTS ON CONVENTION

Tells City Council What Action Taken by Union of Municipalities Regarding Important Questions.

While in the south recently Mayor McClymont attended the convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities which was held at North Vancouver. He made a report on the matters dealt with at the convention at Monday night's council meeting, which was laid on the table for the consideration of the council.

Among other matters considered was the exemption of soldiers' property from taxation. A special committee from the convention was appointed to confer with the government in the matter and also

of railroad land. Another matter which is to be taken up by the Union with the Legislature is further revenue for municipalities. It was the feeling of the convention that all revenue collected within a municipality should belong to it and not go to the Provincial Government as at present. The auto tax is one of the main points under this head.

Two Year Term.

The proposal to have a two year term for mayors and Reeves was turned down but a two year term was recommended for Aldermen. It was also recommended by the convention that requirements for police commissioners be the same as for aldermen. Indigent poor should not be a charge on a municipality unless they have resided in the municipality for a year, otherwise the municipality of which they were resident should be responsible.

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whole session was the rejection or retention of "Local Government Boards." Only six out of the hundred at the convention voted for the retention. It was almost the unanimous contention that such boards were a hindrance to local councils and that sometimes the men on the boards were not really in touch with local affairs.

The new act in connection with the court of revision was condemned as a retrograde step. The act provides that members of councils are not eligible for the court. This eliminates men who are familiar and have local requirements of municipalities well in hand.

The Government decided to ask for a Hydro-Electric Commission to assist municipalities in securing cheap power.

It was decided to ask the Gov-

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Other matters of more or less moment were dealt with including the mutual co-operation of municipalities in law suits of common interest and also the matter of church taxation.

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