

FORWARD PASS BARRED BY CANADIAN UNION

Rugby Body Decides to Oust the Play—Action Comes as a Surprise.

TORONTO, Feb. 23 (Canadian Press).—Following a thorough study of the play as it affects the Canadian game, the rules commission of the Canadian Rugby Union announced at the annual meeting of the C. R. U. here yesterday that the forward pass had been ousted entirely from Canadian football.

The decision came as a surprise. Friday the commission held its annual meeting, but no mention was made regarding the play. A week previously the Ontario Rugby Football Union, the oldest organization of its kind in Canada, recommended at its annual meeting that the forward pass, as used in United States football, should be adopted in Canada with certain modifications. Football unions in Western Canada also favored the play, although there were unions in the East opposed to it.

When queried tonight regarding reports that unions in West Canada may use the forward pass next Fall regardless of the C. R. U.'s decision, Mr. Holland, honorary president, said that any individual union desiring to use the pass could do so upon request to the commission and permission secured.