DECOTEAU, TOP NOTCH ATHLETE, BACK FROM SWEDISH OLYMPIAD

With cigar in mouth at rakish angle, attired in the latest London tailoring, and swinging a cane, the final European touch, Alec Decoteau, Edmonton’s dinky policeman, top-notch athlete, and Alberta’s only representative at the Olympic games recently held in Sweden, stepped from the Grand Trunk train at the local depot around 7:30 this morning, and although duly impressed with continental travel, yet still imbued with the ruling spirit that after all, Edmonton has a shade on everything.

Inspector Wright and other members of the police force were at the depot to meet their colleague and the sight of a regulation uniform looked good to Alec, and he was not backward in expressing joy at the knowledge that he will don his tomorrow.

Alec spurred to train the Chandler ahead of him in order to have a shield from the wind. This sudden change of speed caused the cramp. He then decided to start in the 5,000 metres race as their was only one other competitor. This was practically a walkover as Decoteau trailed his man to the last lap and then spurred away. The time was not considered good enough to warrant Alec making the trip and as Chandler had broken the 5,000 metres record for Canada at Toronto the previous Saturday, Alec was asked to run against Chandler. This he did with the result that he broke Chandler’s own record and went to Sweden.

Asked about the team, Alec stated that he never met a better bunch of fellows in his life, with one exception. Army Howard, the Winnipeg negro, who caused trouble on every occasion. This was due to a swelled head, said Decoteau. Howard is a fair runner and that lets him out.

Alec is the proud possessor of a bright red sweater with the Maple Leaf inset on the right breast, emblematic of the Canadian team at the Swedish games. He also has a large collection of photographs of the games, with the Canadians in action, which are very interesting.

“Well,” concluded Decoteau, “I have had the time of my life, but I am really glad to get back to Edmonton. I expect to start work again tomorrow and will keep in training as I would like to compete at the Dominion meet in Montreal next month, and also the two local meets.”