

ALBERTA ATHLETE WILL GO EAST FOR CHAMPION MEET

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Calgary, Sept. 7.—For the first time in the history of western athletics, the west has been officially recognized. The secretary of the Alberta Amateur Athletic Union, Mr. Harry Ballantyne, has been asked by the championship committee in charge of the annual championship meet at Montreal to send a representative to the big gathering of Canadian and American track and field athletes to be held in the city of Montreal, September 23. The name of the athletes selected will be announced by the committee of selection in the course of a day or two. In all likelihood the man to be chosen will be the runner Alex. Decoteau of Edmonton. Decoteau is a miler and a distance man and is probably the best in the country; and up against the pick of Americans, he is conceded to have a remarkably good chance to figure as a continental champion.*

Second choice, and it is said that Decoteau is unwilling to go for some reason, will almost certainly fall on a Calgary man, George Hepburn. As a 220 yards man, a quarter miler, a half miler and a miler he is head and shoulders above any other man in the province. His best distance is at half mile and the chances are that he can beat any other runner in America at that distance. The various athletic bodies in the province have been asked for their opinions as to the first and second man.