

Alex. Decoteau, the fleet-footed runner of the Edmonton Irish-Canadian Athletic Association, romped home an easy winner in a field of seven competitors on Saturday evening in the second five mile race to be run for the cup donated by Hon. C. W. Cross. Decoteau, who was the winner of the first race for the cup last fall, led the field by about 300 yards, although the time was not fast. The course lay from the Y.M.C.A. building, north on First street, for 2½ miles and return. It was accurately measured. The time made by Decoteau was 28.57 4-5, according to the official figures. E. G. Williams, of the Y.M.C.A., finished second in 29.38 1-5. C. Dunham, of the Y.M.C.A., was third, his time being exactly 30 minutes.

Seven runners faced the starter, J. A. Dorman, and were sent off for their five mile grind at 6.45. For half the distance, as far as the turning post, the first four runners were closely grouped. Decoteau never extended himself on the outward stretch, allowing the others to set the pace. At the turn he took the lead, and, running easily, gradually drew away from his field, like a second Longboat. He finished quite fresh, running the last mile at a faster clip than the first. Quite a crowd saw the finish and cheered the winner as he came striding home alone. Williams finished in good style about 40 seconds later. Dunham followed in half a minute. A. E. Seward, of the Irish Canadians, finished fourth. Frank Tait, a youthful runner of the same athletic organization, was fifth, not far behind his club mate. Heisel, of the Strathcona Collegiate, was sixth, and B. Skinner, representing the Caledonians, finished seventh.

Decoteau, the winner of this race, is the runner who will be sent east to compete in the C.A.A.U. championships by the local Irish-Canadian Athletic Association. He is now in charge of a special trainer and works out three nights a week at the Exhibition track. Hailed as a champion five-miler, it is being discovered that his best distance is the mile. The other night he loped around the muddy track at the old fair grounds, for a mile, at a rate which made his trainer gasp when he looked at the stop watch. He says Decoteau will run a mile in 4.20 and trim Tait, the Canadian champion at the distance. Decoteau's next races will be at Fort Saskatchewan athletic meet, on May 24th.