

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.

After the excitement had simmered down somewhat, a Capital representative was able to corner Decoteau at his home on Jasper east, and the latter had no difficulty in un-leasing a long and interesting line of conversation on his experiences across the herring pond.

Talking about his running in Montreal, Alec explained the reason that originally he intended to expend his best efforts in the 10,000 metres race. However, he had to quit at the fourth mile with cramp. He thinks that this was brought about by changing his gait. Early in the race he trailed Joe Keeper, the Winnipeg Indian, but decided that Keeper was not going fast enough and pulled ahead. A strong wind was blowing over the course and

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 there 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, Alex 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."