

CALAIS FIREMEN WERE SHUT OUT

New Brunswick Firemen Insisted that American Team Be Debarred From Competing.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT IT

(Bangor Cor. Special)

CALAIS, N. B., Sept. 23.—The Calais firemen who went to Chatham, N. B. Monday, Sept. 14th, for the purpose of competing in the firemen's tournament held there on the following day were handed out a big and juicy bon on that had been maturing on the tree for their special benefit ever since it became known of their intention to compete. The boys made the long and arduous trip across the province of New Brunswick at considerable expense on the guarantee of the secretary of the Chatham fire department that they would be allowed to compete without protest but when they reached the exhibition grounds where the tournament was held they found that the track was under the control of two executive officers of the New Brunswick Firemen's Association and that the said officers were determined that no American team could even get a look in on the sports. The officials mentioned not only ignored the Chatham firemen entirely but placed the latter in a most embarrassing position as a result of their decision not to allow Calais to compete in any of the events scheduled for the day, although the entries from this department were solicited and accepted by the committee in charge of the tournament. The claim of the officials was that the Calais team was not composed of regular firemen, but was organized solely for the purpose of contesting the events which had been arranged for the meet at Chatham, and they refused to ever recognize the certificate of membership issued by Chief C. V. Gillis, of the Calais fire department, while accepting without question those submitted by deputies and chiefs from towns in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Chief Harry Rutter, of the Fredericton fire department was persistent in his efforts to assist the Calais men, and he was ably seconded by Chief Ackman of the Moncton fire department, secretary of the spite association. In justice to the members of the Chatham fire department it must be stated that the boys from the chief down, were extremely sorry that the Calais men were not allowed to compete and did everything possible to give them an opportunity to make a good time.

Team after team, composed of men who were not regular firemen, were allowed to compete without question, towns having a department composed only of ten or a dozen men, sending to the tournament anywhere from eighteen to thirty five men who were allowed to compete in the sports and no protest raised.

Amherst kicked the hardest against Calais, next to the chiefs mentioned before, the fact of the team from this city having defeated them by nearly two seconds in the recent tournament held at St. Stephen, having rankled deeply in the breasts of the Nova Scotia firms. Fear of the money passing across the border seems to have been responsible some for the turn down of the Calais team, and judging by the time made by the winning teams, there was good reason for the feeling aroused by the presence in the city of the Americans.

Regret was expressed by many of the citizens of Chatham and other towns over the discourteous treatment accorded the boys from this city, even Chief Ackman of Moncton, who was only too willing to accept the opinion of Chief Rutter of the Fredericton department during the early part of the day, making the statement that it was too bad the association took the stand it did with reference to the eligibility of the Calais fire department.

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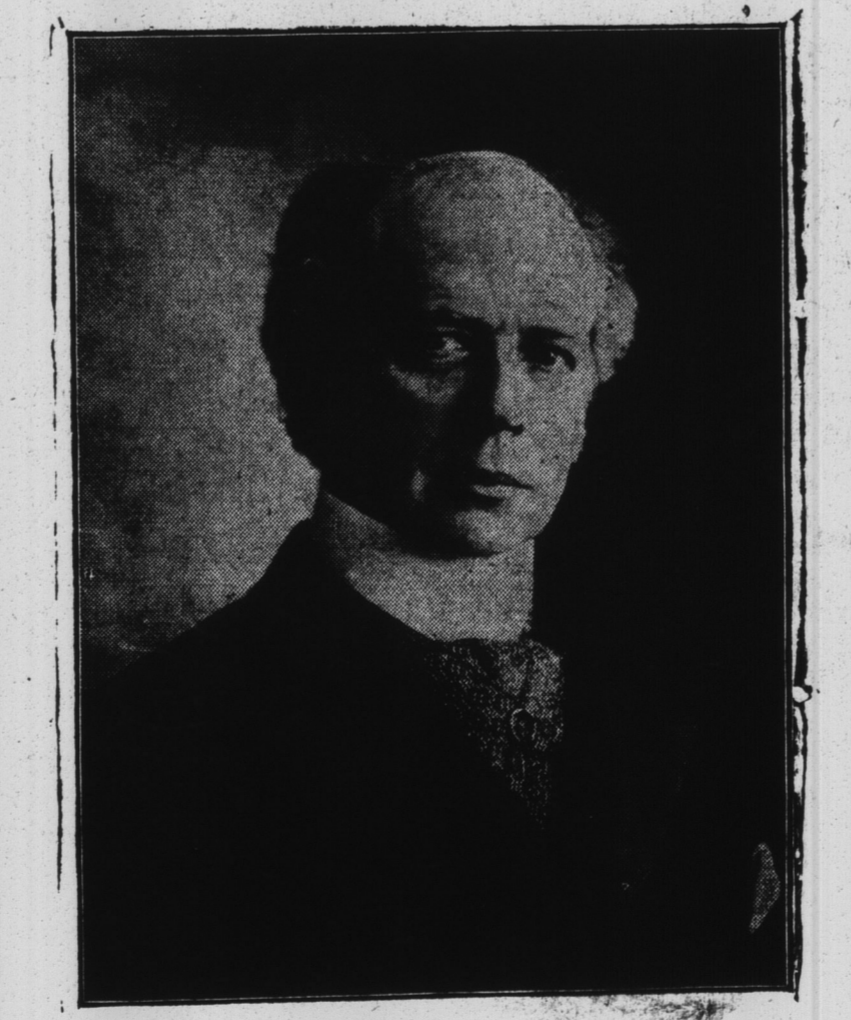
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