

On the opening day the team of thirty-five, dressed in neat cream white uniforms, under the direction of Mr. Long, of the Montreal Athletic Association, marched before the King in a manner well pleasing to all. The bearing of the team in public is well expressed by the London Times as follows:—

"The Canadian Olympic Athletes furnish a good example of the combination of physical excellence with other qualifications which make athletics a higher thing than they may sometimes appear to be on the surface. The bearers of the red maple leaf have shown throughout these games a dogged pluck and a cheerfulness in the face of disappointment, which the representatives of none of the other nations have surpassed."

Everywhere English people gave the men a good cheer. The Canadians in London rallied around us most loyally and gave valuable assistance.

When Mr. James G. Sullivan, representing the Amateur Athletic Union, made a formal protest to the British Olympic Committee, and it was feared that a committee would be needed to deal with the matter, you were asked to appoint an honorary committee of three and Messrs. Leslie H. Boyd of Montreal, Wm. H. Stark of Toronto, and the manager of the team were suggested.

Mr. E. Tasse of Ottawa, had not yet returned to London but when he did later his services were of great value and he was always willing to assist in the welfare of the team.

Your honorary committee represented Canada on the opening day, appearing before the King with the committees of other nations. They also were present at the different functions where official representation was required.

Through the influence of Mr. Tasse of Ottawa, official representative of the Canadian Olympic Committee, a meeting was secured and Lord Desborough, Mr. Fisher of the Amateur Athletic Association, and other members of the Athletic Committee gave assurance that the United States protest against Longboat would not hinder our entry from competing.

On July, 21st, it was with considerable consternation I was informed by the secretary of the British Olympic Committee, that one of the members of the Canadian Honorary Committee was making a formal protest against Longboat. As soon as possible I saw Mr. Boyd and tried to dissuade him from following such a course. He maintained that the agreement asked for by the Canadian Olympic Committee between the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union and the Athletic Federation was at an end as soon as the trials were over and the team selected. Unable to influence Mr. Boyd, I was forced to admit this to the British Olympic Committee, who insisted that the protest must be made public, which was accordingly published that evening.

The team have worked loyally and faithfully, and in the face of great odds put up a good fight in every event entered.

Great difficulty was experienced in securing quarters, but this