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COVER ILLUSTRATION: Members of the Dexter Fire Department strike a ready pose for the photographer. By joining organizations such as this, Dexter's Franco-Americans put down roots in their community. This issue of the *Quarterly* explores three facets of the Maine Franco-American experience: Dorothy A. Blanchard's article traces the formation of a Franco community in a small central Maine town; Anders Larson describes the blending of ethnic and class loyalties in his study of Francos in the 1910 International Paper Company strike; and C. Stewart Doty demonstrates the persistence of these Franco-American roots his profile of one of Maine's favorite sons – Rudy Vallée.

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