ALEX DECOTEAU IS AGAIN WINNER
OF CALGARY HERALD'S CHRISTMAS
DAY ROAD RACE LEADING BIG FIELD

The Edmonton Runner Did Not
Have to Extend Himself to
Win the Great Race

Two Representatives of 66th
Battalion, Edmonton, Made
a Great Bid For Second
Place

Three of the ten shields which are
placed upon the base of The Herald
Christmas Day Road Race Cup have
engraved upon them the name of Alex.
Decoteau, of the Edmonton Police
Athletic association, for on Saturday
(Christmas day) the stalwart runner
from the north again romped home to
victory in front of the biggest field
that has ever started during the ten-
year existence of this Derby of dis-
tance running of western Canada.
Decoteau finished 150 yards ahead of
the next man, also an Edmontonian.
Jack Hall, of the 66th battalion. Wil-
lim E. Miller, also representing the
66th, finished third, being beaten out
by second place when within ten yards
of the finishing tape by his friend and
fellow soldier Hall. Eight yards be-
hind Miller came J. W. Warburton, of
the 66th battalion, Calgary, the first
Calgary man” to finish, while A.
Mitchell, travelling under the colors
of the Hillhurst Football club, finished
fifth.

Decoteau Was Never Pressed

Decoteau’s time for the race was 37
minutes 25 1-5 seconds, somewhat
slower than the time that he made
last year. If Decoteau had been
pressed he might easily have clipped a
full minute off the time that he made,
but after taking the lead at Royal
avenue, two miles from the start, he
was never headed. Every step that
he took added inches to his lead.
Finally, when at the Ramsay school, he
turned to look for the first time
during the race and seeing his closest
opponent almost two hundred yards
away, he eased up. When he was
passing the city hall he lifted his long
woollen toque from off his mouth
and sprinted alone to the finishing tape,
 amidst the cheers of the thousands
of spectators who lined both sides of
the avenue to witness the finish.

Alex Decoteau

Winner of the tenth Annual Road
Race, setting the pace over the C.N.R.
bridge. The picture shows how the
Edmonton runner protected himself
against the cold wind, the cap pulled
down over his face acted as a respira-
tor. He also protected his legs with
stockings and his hands with gloves.

Seventeen Men Started and of
These Fourteen Went Entire
Distance of Six Miles

Snow Made Footing Slow and
Record Time Was Impossible
Under the Circumstances.

from every vantage point along the
route was the largest that has ever
assembled during the ten years that
the race has been won. For blocks
cast and west of The Herald build-
ing on Seventh avenue, both sides of
the road were crowded with thousands
to watch the start and finish, while at
every turn hundreds of others
gathered. The weather was ideal for the
spectators, practically all of whom
had with them clipping from The
Herald, which gave the numbers of the
competitors, which served to identify
them as they passed.

All along the route, Chief Cuddy
had officers stationed, who did their
best to keep road cleared of spectators
and automobiles, but who at times
found the task too difficult.

Decoteau Conserved His
Strength

Decoteau conserved his strength.
He first went into the lead on Eighth street east, at the sub-
way, being followed by Jack Hall, who
finished second, who was followed by
Warburton, of the 66th. At the top
of the subway hill Decoteau took the lead
with Decoteau second. Passing
Twelfth avenue, at Eighth street west,
Decoteau and Hall were running near
and neck and this team race continued
for five or six blocks. At the turn
into Royal avenue Decoteau stepped
a few paces into the lead and from
then to the finish was never headed.
He put on a little extra speed at the
Mission bridge, which he continued
until the foot of Mission Hill was
reached. Hall picked up a few yards
on the hill and when the turn into the
Macleod trail was reached De-
coteau had only fifty yards advan-
tage. But he added inches to his lead
with every step until he reached the
Ramsay school, when he turned to see
where the second man was running,
and took it easy all the rest of the way
home.