W. J. Warburton, of the 56th battalion, who finished fourth in the race, made a very game fight. He was overcome with a severe stitch in his side about a mile from the start and this gave him great pain during the next five miles, but he gamely stuck to it and went into second place on the Macleod trail, but had to drop to fourth place after a short time. Warburton ran in the 1913 race and finished second at that time.

**Le Fleur Unable to start**

Alex. Le Fleur, who was expected to make Decoteau extend himself to win the race, did not start. When examined before the race by Dr. Dunlop, he was found to be running a fever, with a temperature of 101. and the examining physician ordered him not to start in the race. It was a keen disappointment to him as it was for the thousands of spectators. He had trained faithfully for the race. Furthermore, he was in the same town as Decoteau and was to school with him but had never run against him. He had won the Winnipeg Telephone five mile race at the Olympic trial in Fort Saskatchewan, but in neither of these races had Decoteau entered. It would have given him considerable personal satisfaction to compete against Decoteau, but the fates were against him. Seventeen men faced Cappy Smart and of these fourteen finished. The slippery footing made W. J. Green, the Calgary dark horse slip and fall, while two others were overcome with cramps and had to drop out. It was the largest field that ever started and the largest percentage to finish.

**Auto Owners Careless**

In spite of the appeal made to owners and drivers of automobiles to exercise consideration while travelling around the course, there were several car owners who disregarded this and insisted upon driving across the course and along sidet runners, opening up the cuts and blowing half burnt gas into the faces of those competing. One auto driver in his anxiety to the race to the best advantage knocked over one of the competitors, who was in fourth place on the Macleod trail, thus spoiling his chances of finishing inside of the prize award. While many auto owners who accompanied the race acted splendidly, the few careless ones did a great deal of damage.

**Crowd a Record One**

The crowd which witnessed the race

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**Warburton Got a Stitch**

Warburton, who was the local favorite, ran well until he took a stitch in his side on Eighth street west. This bothered him all the rest of the way, and although he ran a game race and fought with Hall and Miller for second place all the way up the Macleod trail, the physical difficulty was too much and it showed great nerve for him to come in fourth, clinging close to the heels of Hall and Miller.

**The Start**

After the medical inspection of the contestants there were 17 lined up before "Cappy" Smart, who by merit and custom has been the official starter of the race since it was inaugurated. The snow had stopped and the sun was shining brightly when the scratch was called in the snow, which was well packed by the hundreds who were stationed in front of The Herald block to see the start. There was the usual good-natured crowding and shoving by those who wanted to see everything before the policemen kept the street cleared for the contestants. The men lined up in the order of their entry:

1. Alex. Decoteau, Edmonton.
2. W. J. Burn, 11th O.M.R. Macleod Hat.
5. A. W. Warburton, 56th Battalion, Calgary.
6. James H. Barratt, 82nd Battalion, Calgary.
7. Ernest Whittaker, 82nd Battalion, Calgary.
8. W. J. Lawson, P.O. Football club, Calgary.
9. W. J. Green (unattached).
10. A. Mitchell, Hillhurst F. C.
11. Stanley Steven, 82nd Battalion.
14. F. J. Watson, 82nd Battalion, Calgary.
15. Olaf Johannesson, Lethbridge.
17. R. J. Vance, Meadow Creek, Alta.

The men had been given their instructions by Capt. Bob Pearson upstairs, so there was no delay in making the start. After they were all in line "Cappy's" revolver rang out and the big race was on.

**At Mission Bridge**

The Mission Bridge being one of the chief landmarks of the race, formed a good vantage point for a crowd of about 100 spectators, who had a good view of the fourteen runners who had made their way to this stage of the race.

The runners were well strung out as a whole on passing this point, Alex. Decoteau leading the first bunch of...