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ALLIED FORCES HOLD UNDOUBTED SUPREMACY OF AIR FIGHTING

So Declares, Major Nelles Ashton, Home on Sick Leave From Front-Had Narrow Escape From Death

"The morale of the Canadian To a Courier representative this Tommy is absolutely wonderful. In the face of everything, he maintains revolver in question, the handle the best of spirits. Trouble with his hadly shattered by the bullet, as officers is unknown.' On Somme Front.

well as imparting the information given here.

In Hospitals

Owing to the heavy artillery fire

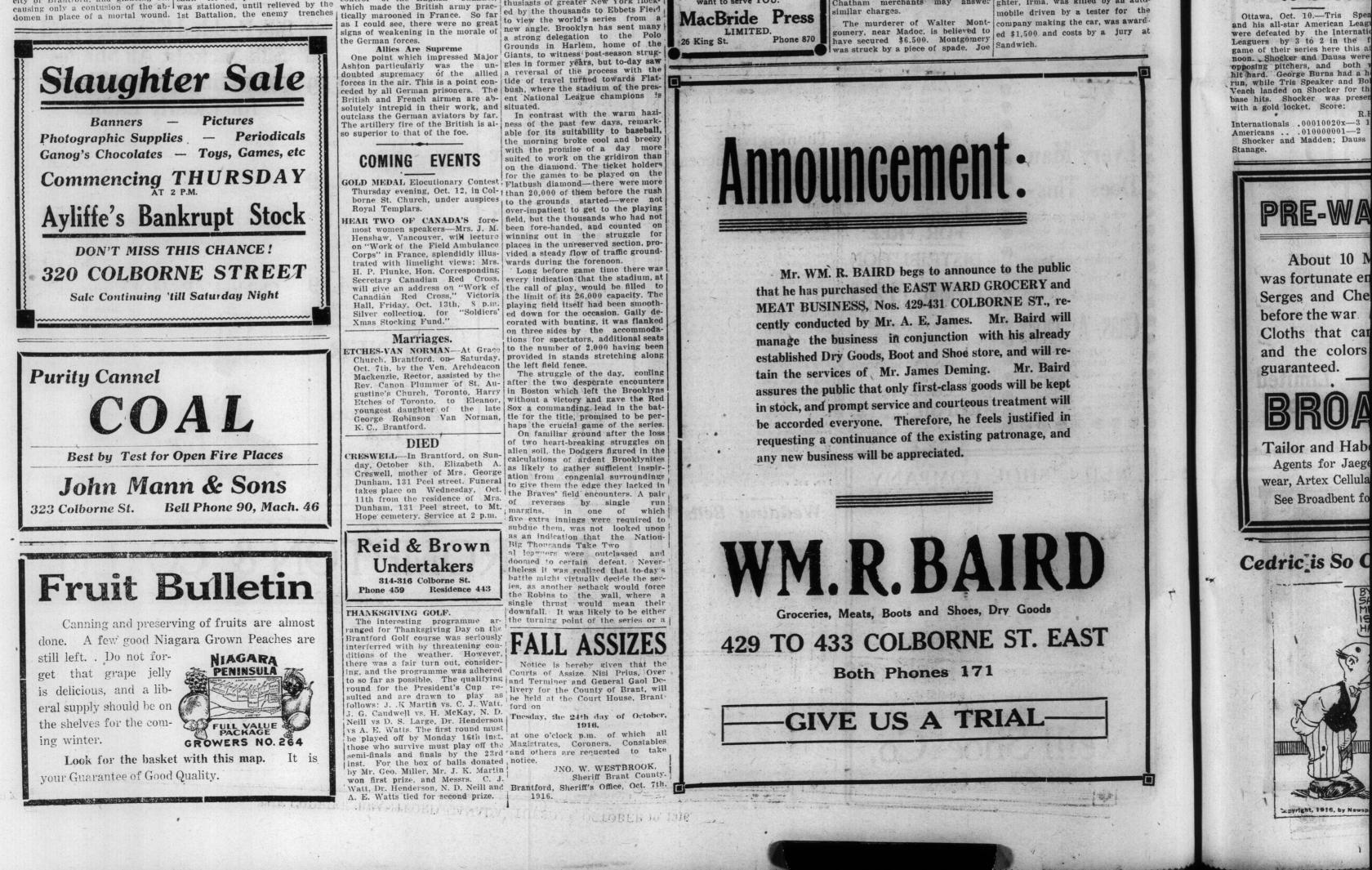
4th is Rebuilt

Of the original 4th Battalion,

Thus Major A. N. Ashton who, on Sunday evening returned to his home here after being wounded at the front a month ago. It was on Aug. 2nd last that Major Ashton relinbeing carried on at the time, it was not until the next morning that Major Ashton was removed to hosquished the command of the 36th Reserve battalion at West Sandling pital. In the next few days he pass-ed through four such institutions in Camp, and departed for the front, Camp. and departed for the front, there to be attached to the Maa Fourth battalion in the capacity of al, he met Lt.-Col. Colquhoun, and rough battanon in the capacity at, he met Et. Col. Conduction at attached to Lieut. Eric Cockshutt, attached to Woolwich Arsensal for artillery inwith 120 other majors, and woolwich Arsensal for a they was ton made the journey, marching some 48 miles through France, then travelling by train and bus, and struction. The journey home was quiet and uneventual, and Major Ashton reached the city in the best completing the trip on foot once more. He reached the 4th battalion of spirits and very much recovered from his injuries. He is home on sick leave only, being due back in just as it was being transferred from the Ypres sector to the Somme salient, where for ten days the battalion his stay here to a month. was in heavy fighting, shelled inter-mittently and sustaining heavy casuspent in the reserve line, and five in the front line trenches.

ber of noted Canadians, Sir Major Jones Commanding In the absence of Lt. Col. Colqu-Hughes, Premier Hearst and Hon. Dr. Pyne. He high in his praises of houn, the 4th battalion was com-manded at that time by Lt. Col. Rae, and, he being taken ill shortly after-wards, Major T. P. Jones of this city assumed command. Lt. Col. Colquis done. houn returned to the front and re-ported at headquarters of the 4th battalion about Sept. 9, but did not states Major Ashton, very little reimmediately assume command of the mains, whether of officers or men. unit, returning instead to England, The unit is now made up largely of where he visited Major Ashton ia drafts from the 36th and 76th bata London hospital.

Revolver Saved Life It was on the evening of Sept. s. that Major Ashton sustained his wound, while returning from battal-ion headquarters to the front line trenches, and bearing orders. He was struck by a German sniper's builet, and his escape from death was nothing, short of miraculous, the missile striking against the revolver presented to Major Ashton by the causing only a contusion of the ab-domen in place of a mortal wound. Hallons, with a few from the 58th, to all which Brantford furnished quo-tas. The front line trenches on the space from death was nothing, short of miraculous, the in sistle striking against the revolver it s Battalion, the enemy trenches domen in place of a mortal wound.



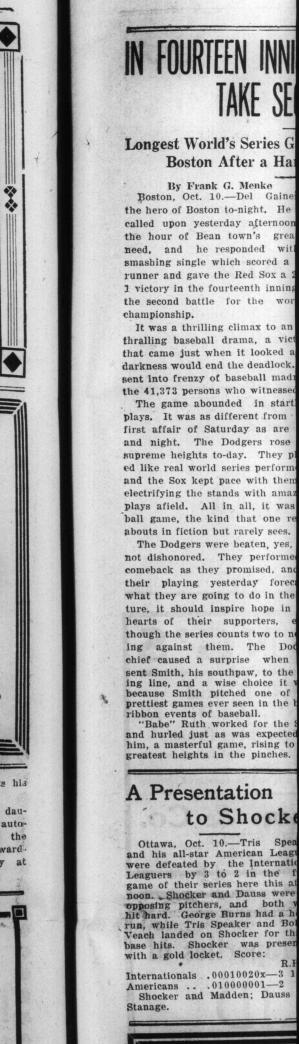


To fill in between the warm days and the cool ones of later autum the treatment accorded the wounded Dainty scarfs of satin, velvet and chiffon with marabout trimmings are being in the hospitals, declaring that all shown; the most popular being the taupe mulberry or Bordeaux satin with the fluffy down of the marabout in pure white or grey. possible for the comfort of the men.

> were about 75 yards distant, with no entanglements or defences between. War Not Yet Won As to the length of the war, Major Ashton expressed inability to ans-

wer. "I can see no possibility of peace Baseball Enthusiasts from talions, with a few from the 58th, to before the spring," he told the Cour-Boston





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