

sently another young chap rushed in through the door, and on seeing them, approached them quickly.

"Have you heard about Joe Compton?" he asked, excitedly.

"We have," answered one. "But I see you have a paper in your pocket. Does it say anything?"

"Yes, I was just trying to find someone to show it to," replied the last-comer.

"Better read it to us," suggested the previous speaker. The new arrival pulled a paper out of his pocket and read:

"MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF YOUNG COLLEGE MAN.

"Early this morning, the body of Joseph Compton, son of Mr. W. B. Compton, Consulting Engineer of the City Street Railway Co., was brought into town from Moonlight Bay. He had gone to the latter place from 'Sandy Beach' the previous night to attend a dance. His body was found on a trestle bridge spanning a small stream on the railway between Moonlight Bay and Sandy

Beach, about a thousand yards from the railway station at Moonlight Bay. The coroner's examination disclosed a bullet-wound on the top of the head. Subsequent X-Ray examination showed that a bullet from a revolver had entered the skull vertically, penetrating the brain, and lodging itself at the base of the cerebrum. The young man's automatic revolver was found in his pocket, unloaded. The nature of the wound dispels any possibility of suicide. The police are as yet unable to explain how the young man met his death."

S. H. ANDERSON.

Old-timers in the line will be interested to know that ex-Pte. R. W. Trowsdale, now on the editorial staff of *Canada*, the well-known illustrated weekly—"The Canadians' Bible," as it has been called—is organising a "Blighty" branch of the Great War Veterans' Association. Our old friend, who served eighteen months out here with a unit of "The Old Guard," founded and ran the "Dead Horse Corner Gazette," the second Canadian trench paper to be published.

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