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MUST PAY THE PENALTY

Montreal Daily Mail (In.): "If a party by a mere change of leaders could expiate such sins as those committed by the Roblin administration, party government would be a failure. A party must accept responsibility for the acts of ministers who accept office under its auspices. It cannot purge itself by changing its leaders any more than an individual can square an offence by changing his clothes."

Toronto Star: "A political party must pay the penalty of bad leadership. It cannot restore confidence merely by changing the leader and passing some good resolutions. The party system involves party responsibility, and this means that when the leaders do wrong the party must accept loss of power and be content to serve the country in Opposition."

The above extracts are commended to Premier Clarko and his associates in the New Brunswick Government and Legislature.

A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION

The exhibition which was brought to a close on Saturday evening was in every way one of the most successful ever held in the province. Transportation facilities in this section have been improved within the last two years and a larger crowd can now be handled with less fuss than was the case two years ago. People residing in sections hitherto cut off from railway communication were able this year to come to the city, visit the exhibition and get away again the same night. This is particularly true of the section of the county served by the St. John and Quebec Railway. While all of the five railways entering the city contributed their quota of exhibition visitors, it is believed that the St. John and Quebec Railway easily headed the list. This road passes close to the exhibition grounds and the arrangements made by the management to have the outgoing train stop there in the afternoon and evening was a source of much convenience to many visitors. The improved transportation facilities was a great benefit to the exhibition but merchants and hotel-keepers complain that visitors spent less money with them than in former years. This is a natural result of the changed conditions and will probably adjust itself as time goes on.

There were some people who felt that owing to the great war now raging it would be a mistake to hold an exhibition this year. The directors of the Agricultural Society, however, adopted the "business as usual" slogan and went right ahead. The fact that the attendance at the exhibition just closed slightly exceeded that of the wonderfully successful fair of 1913 amply justified their enterprise, good judgment and foresight. It was contended in some quarters that the failure of the Fredericton Park Association to put on a race meeting would naturally affect the attendance at the fair and the fact that the attendance figures of 1913 were exceeded without races makes the showing all the more remarkable. There is no doubt that a good race meeting would have added from two to four thousand to the total of paid admissions. Experience has shown that races conducted in connection with an exhibition are always successful while races held here at other times usually fail to pay expenses. This goes to show that the races derive more benefit from exhibitions than exhibitions do from races. In other words, the exhibition can get along without the races, as was the case this year, but the races cannot get along very well without the exhibition. This fact should be borne in mind by the exhibition authorities, should they be called upon to consider a proposal to take over the trotting park grounds and carry out a racing

program in connection with future exhibitions.

The exhibition of 1915 has passed into history, the visitors have returned to their homes and conditions will soon become normal again. The Mail heartily congratulates President Campbell, Manager Hooper, the directors of the Agricultural Society and the exhibitors on their wonderful success in carrying on a war time exhibition. The reputation of Fredericton as an exhibition town has now been firmly established.

MAJOR GUTHRIE'S RETURN

If anything was wanting to show that the sympathies of the people of the City of Fredericton are heartily with the cause of the empire in this great war it was furnished on Saturday evening by the great welcome extended to Major Percy A. Guthrie on his return from the battlefields of Europe. Thirteen months ago Major Guthrie with a party of more than a hundred young men, departed from this city on the first stage of their long journey to the scene of armed conflict in France and Belgium. Major Guthrie was then in robust health and filled with a patriotic desire to do his bit in the struggle being carried on in the interests of humanity and civilization and against Prussian militarism. With his health impaired from close contact with a "made in Germany" shell and walking with the aid of crutches, he returns from the dark valley of the shadow of death and is given a hero's welcome. Those who saw Major Guthrie when he left the city thirteen months ago and saw his pathetic figure again Saturday night as he rose to reply to addresses of welcome at the exhibition grounds must be convinced that war is the most serious business in which the human race ever engaged. Major Guthrie has done his bit in the present war; he has fought and bled for his country. He was badly wounded but no doubt feels that he was fortunate in escaping with a life. In this respect it may be said that he was more fortunate than hundreds of others who left the shores of Canada at the time he did.

The great war is still raging—Major Guthrie thinks that it will last two years—and there will be many opportunities to repeat Saturday night's demonstration. We feel certain that the people of Fredericton will do their duty to all the heroes who return wounded and maimed. The private in the ranks who has performed the duty required of him, no matter what his position in civil life may be, is deserving of just as much credit from his fellow citizens as the colonel who commands a battalion. It is the officers who direct and lead but it is the men in the ranks who give and take the real hard knocks.

The Mail joins with all classes of citizens in extending a hearty welcome to the gallant Major Guthrie and earnestly hopes that his health will be speedily restored.

MAJOR P. A. GUTHRIE

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Mayor of Fredericton,
HARRY A. SMITH,
Warden of York.

ADDRESS FROM 71ST REGT.

The address from the officers of the 71st York Regt. which was read by Lieut. A. S. McFarlane, the adjutant, was as follows:
Percy A. Guthrie, Major,
10th Battalion,
Canadian Expeditionary Force,
Sir—As officers of the 71st York Regiment, that corps of the active militia of Canada to which you belong, we desire to take this opportunity, the first since your return to your home, of congratulating you most heartily upon the part which you have borne in the great war now being waged in various parts of the world.

The 71st York has never lagged at any time when the services of its members were required by the country and in the present war its representation in all ranks is large. You, as the first officer of the corps to come under fire, have gained a distinction which is most enviable and which causes felicitation on the part of those of its officers who have been prevented by various circumstances from serving with the overseas forces.

Prominent in the 71st you have been prominent in a large sphere of military activity. Popular with your fellow officers of the militia of Canada, you have been equally popular with those with whom you have come in contact on active service. Possessed of qualities of leadership in the training camp, you have displayed those same qualities at the time when all soldierly qualities receive their

EXHIBITION CLOSES

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PRIZE WINNERS.

The winners of prize money to the amount of twenty-five dollars and upwards were as follows:
W. Anderson, Halifax, horses, \$25.
F. Bailey, Toronto, ladies' work, \$28.75.
Ray Burpee, Gibson, sheep, \$44.
Geo. Boswall, P.E.I., sheep, \$94.
J. E. Baker & Son, Barronfield, N. S., cattle, \$238.
A. Boswall, P.E.I., sheep, \$93.
J. Bebbington, misc., \$118.50.
Frank Burnett, Lower French Village, horses, \$85.
R. R. Black, Amherst, cattle, \$138.
Walter Bennett, Limestone, poultry, \$169.75.
Canadian National Bureau of Breeding, horses, \$25.
Margaret Carvill, St. John, horses, \$72.
George Carvill, St. John, horses, \$42.
Clover Nook Stock Farm, Hartland, poultry, etc., \$114.75.
H. W. Corning, Chegoggin, N.S., cattle, \$235.
Mrs. E. W. Darcus, Kingsclear, misc., \$86.50.
Hugh Dickson, Onslow, N.S., cattle and etc., \$171.50.
Edwards & Alexander, Hillhurst, Que., cattle, \$171.
Miss L. B. Elliott, Port Arthur, ladies' work, \$31.25.
W. B. Gilman, City, misc., \$135.
B. Goodspeed, Penniac, misc., \$54.49.
A. R. Gorham, Gorham Bluff, misc., \$60.45.
Hillside Poultry Yards, St. John, \$90.
George Holmes, Amherst, cattle and etc., \$198.50.
Harding Bros., Welsford, cattle, \$342.
John Hooper, Hillhurst, Que., cattle, \$122.
Hooper Bros., Hillhurst, Que., cattle, \$169.
D. Innes, Tobique River, agricultural, \$43.
J. R. Jewett, Macquiac, misc., \$97.
H. C. Jewett, City, horses, \$75.
Alphonso Kelly, City, horses, \$101.
J. M. Laird & Sons, P.E.I., cattle, \$156.
W. B. Lint, City, horses, \$40.
J. H. Martin, Albertine, N.B., cheese, \$27.82.
W. H. Moore, Scotch Lake, misc., \$53.
M.P. Supply Co., Moncton, poultry, \$98.50.
McIntyre Bros., Sussex, cattle, \$300.
McFarlane Bros., N.S., cattle, \$153.71.
McCulloch Bros., N.B., misc., \$37.50.
Oerhas Nunn, P.E.I., sheep, \$147.
J. E. O'Brien, N.S., cattle, \$119.
W. O'Brien & Sons, N.S., cattle, \$142.50.
W. A. Pinney, Melbourne, N.S., cattle, \$181.
C. Pugsley, N.S., cattle, \$86.
H. S. Pipes & Sons, Amherst, cattle, \$169.
C. Parent, Douglas, cheese, \$34.41.
George Rettson, Amherst, cattle, \$69.
C. Symes, Maudie, N.S., sheep, \$133.
A. G. Spafford, Compton, Que., \$200.
Shaw Bros., Amherst, \$78.
M. Scovill & Sons, \$26.
F. J. Sullivan, horses, \$42.
Scott & Warren, St. John, poultry, \$4.75.
R. A. Snowball, Chatham, horses, \$456.
T. W. Smith & Sons, Durham Bridge, misc., \$25.50.
A. C. Servant, Chegoggin, cattle, \$120.
W. N. Sterritt, Grey's Mills, \$29.50.
A. Sangster, Falmouth, N.S., \$26.75.
Peter K. Stewart, Newcastle, horses, \$25.

SEVEREST TEST.

After an absence of some thirteen months, you have returned to your home city—not in that state of robust health in which you left Fredericton with that first draft from the 71st Regt., but suffering from serious wounds received upon the field of battle. It is our most earnest wish that you may experience a speedy recovery from those injuries and one so complete that you may resume those military duties which you have so ably performed. At the same time let us remind you, although such reminding is hardly necessary, that your wounds have been received in a cause as noble as that for which a British soldier ever fought.

You have been sent to your home for the purpose of convalescence and reunited with your family, will enjoy a happiness which has not been yours for some time. As you enjoy that happiness you can dwell upon the thought that your fellow officers of the 71st Regt. have for you the highest regard which can be felt toward a brave man and an efficient officer.

THEY STOPPED SHORT.

The Fredericton Brass Band headed the procession which escorted Major Guthrie to the exhibition grounds on Saturday evening but stopped short at the gate. They did this to show their disapproval of the policy of the management in playing outside bands to play at the fair and ignoring the local organization.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Edgecombe and daughter, Miss Edgecombe, of St. John, are visiting Mrs. Jack Neill.

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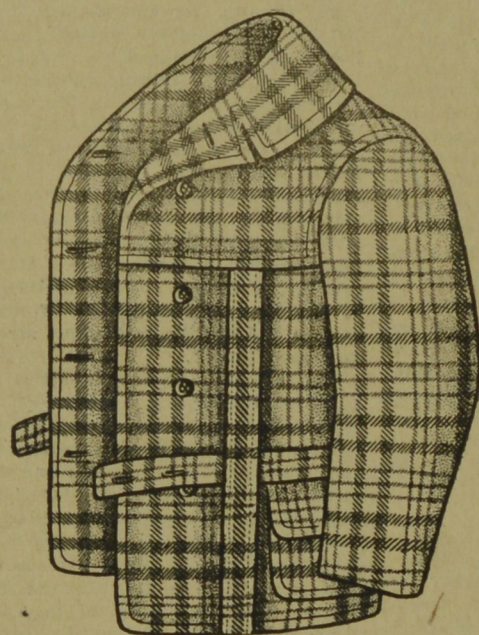
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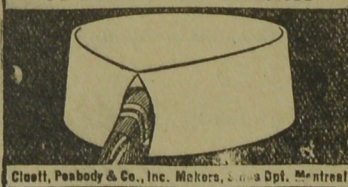
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Adam is cut off from communication with Fredericton and it is possible the men are making their way there.

It is reported about the city that Jones was seen at the exhibition on Friday. Gaoier Timmins states that the story is absolutely untrue, the man being in gaol at that time.

Jones was awaiting trial on two charges of stealing cattle and sheep in Stanley. Shaw was charged with stealing money from fellow boarders at a house at Victoria Mill.

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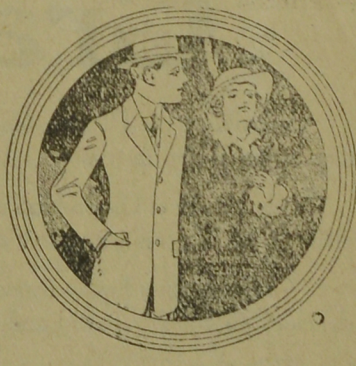
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