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SAINT JOHN, THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 25, 1909.

THE OVER-CLASSIFICATION SCANDAL.

the strength of the party for any purpose, but would false classification, and that the contractor appealed to the Transcontinental commissioners. One of the commissioners advised him to use greater liberality, and find out how to do it by visiting Section B in Quebec, the other district mentioned by Mr. Lumsden. Major Hodgins found plenty of false classification on District B, but refused to permit it on District F. There upon the commissioners sent one Mr. Gordon Grant to finspect Major Hodgins' district. This complacent officer told the subordinate engineers that they were too severe, whereupon they proceeded to change loose sand into solid rock. Major Hodgins cut down their classification and was dismissed.

Such was the statement mode by Ma Statement of the party purpose, but would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party turn, is too exercise it. It has been found that when the rank and file are made unwilling parties to a surrender, they do not respond with much parties to a surrender, they do not respond with much parties to a surrender, they do not respond with much leaders. But whatever counsel may have been given at the first concerning the Nova Scotia by-elections at the first concerning the Nova Scotia by-elections of the Methodist General Board of the district mentioned by Mr. Lumsden. They were a little hand on the members present that they were too severe, whereupon they proceeded to change loose sand into solid rock. Major Hodgins of the party for any purpose, but would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a

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They kept and "naturally viewed with suspicion." They kept tain practical qualities was demonstrated when DF. Major Hodgins at Ottawa forty days without allow tain practical qualities was demonstrated when DF. Ritchie gave some valuable advice concerning the art ing him to make much headway with the case. Then Ritchie gave some valuable advice concerning the art be got sick of the whole thing and said he would with ie would be glad to step out, leaving this matter to the as well as material interests. Not until then did the majority consent to the payment of his expenses.

But in the meantime letters from the Grand Trunk But in the meantime letters from the Grand Trunk
Pacific engineer, Mr. Woods, had come to light, declaring
that this over-classification was going on all along the
line. As the G. T. Company was to be charged with
the cost of the road, he protested against this fraudulent increase. The Conservative members of the
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luent increase wished to go on and complete the investigation and find out whether the classification was false.

But declaring
The desire of the labor interests to have representatives in the Legislature is natural and reasonable. It
should be easy of accomplishment. Working men, like
other citizens, have their own opinion of the merits
of the administration. Let those among them who
have no confidence in the ministry present a good candidate who thinks on this matter as they do, and he
would probably be placed on a Conservative ticket.

Taking it for granted that Liberal members needed no argument, but would be satisfied with anything that the contractor would provide, those managing the affair sent most of these sample rifles to Conservative members. One of these says that he passed his on to a shooting outhurisate in his own corns. Others probably

It is suggested that they must all have been pleased with the Bisley rifle.

But how does that help out the militia? The twelve members of Parliament have the gift or loan of good target rifles. But the forty thousand militia, or so many of them as have been compelled to give up their favorite Lee Enfield, have the unhappy Ross rifle of Marks I, II, and III. There are twenty or thirty thousand more of these unregenerate weapons in the store houses, since it appears that the ill directed military depot fire at Ottawa, which destroyed a vast stock of soldiers' clothes, left the primitive Ross rifles intact. The only lesson that can come of this small but discriminating issue of special rifles is the persuasion that the Government should not have paid \$1,100,000 for Ross rifles until the contractor was able to supply a good one.

Another purpose may appear. The special doubl star Ross rifle costs \$35, whereas the price of the apprentice rifle was \$25, while the Lee Enfield cost \$17. apprentice rifle was \$25, while the Lee Enfield cost \$17. It may be proposed to start 'new, and buy 60,000 of the double star variety, thus keeping the factory going another four years or so, and furnishing a rifle which can shoot at a target as well as the Lee Enfield, costing

THE NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

The time has come when it is no longer possible to conceal the cause of the resignation of Chief Engineer Lumsden of the Transcontinental. Of all the Conservatives concerning this incident the one most damaging to the character of the Transcontinental and to the credit of the Government proves correct. Mr. Lumsden resigned because he refused to be a party Lumsden resigned because he refused to be a party him to obey instructions and give a right classification of the work on Transcontinental contracts. He found the commission against him, the Government against him, the contractor, of course, against him, and all the powers of patronage and politics working in all the powers of patronage and politics working in The Nova Scotia by-elections leave parties divided a Application Refused.

In Lunenburg and Cumberland, a few at least of the party leaders at headquarters were rather disposed to allow an unopposed election to the Government candidates, reserving the strength of the party for the general election. This counsel was vigorously over-ruled by the delegates of the party throughout the constituencies. It was found that a surrender would not tend to reserve the strength of the party for any purpose, but would turn it to weakness. As a rule the way for a party to retail to reserve t him, the contractor, of course, against him, and in Lunenburg and Cumberland, a few at least of the powers of patronage and politics working in her direction. So he refused to be implicated affair any longer.

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and Mr. Geoffrion, all well known and well tested development of which we have no proof. Dr. Ritchie's address of last evening was a piece of exceedingly help-dependent on the committee. They at once announced that they cared nothing about over-classification itself, and would not inquire into it. All they wanted to investigate was whether the Government or some commissioner had interfered to encourage over-payment. The missioner had interfered to encourage over-payment. The commissioners appointed Mr. Murphy, now Secretary of was built an almost dramatic comparison in the "blockers" of investigation, were the Government may jority on the committee. They at once announced that they cared nothing about over-classification itself, that they cared nothing about over-classification itself, and would not inquire into it. All they wanted to an investigate was whether the Government or some comminscent appointed Mr. Murphy, now Secretary of commissioners appointed Mr. Murphy, now Secretary of State, to appear as their counsel at public cost. Major State, to appear as their counsel at public cost. Major Hodgins was invited to engage and pay counsel for himself, and to pay his own expenses. At the beginning, Mr. Carvell, one of the judges, declared that ginning, Mr. Carvell, one of the judges, declared that the lecture given earlier in the week. It might also have whator Hodgins could not prove his charges, have been announced as the theme of Dr. Ritchie's have been announced be drown and brown of the victims Major Hodgins could not prove his charges, have been announced as the theme of Dr. Ritchie's me knew Major modgins could not prove his charges, have been announced as the theme of Dr. Ritchie't address, which taught the same doctrine with lofty illustration.

k of the whole thing and said he would with suppartment in connection with a general exhibition. This reflections he had made against the honesty y. He agreed that the committee was not a terest, seeing that St. John is preparing for a Dominion had to test questions of classification, and said fair, and hopes to make it representative of intellectual and to test questions of classification, and said

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W. TREMAINE GARD

No. 3, has issued a notice to merchants calling attention to the fact that under the act a soldier cannot be place under stoppage of pay for private debt, and if they permit soldiers to contract debts they do so at their own risk.

Partridges Sold.

In the country market yesterda morning Game Warden Dean auction der thirty brace of partridges which were seized by Jaison Corey, deput game warden for violation of the game warde

of St.

Ing. of the wedding for a short will estitle here, where the bride is established in the tailoring business.

Mrs. A. Hamilton.

The death occurred at Malden, Mass., Nov. 16, of Mrs. Mary Hamilton, widow of Mr. Archibald Hamilton, widow of Mr. Archibald Hamilton, in the 79th year of her age. She was a native of St. John, but for a number of years had been a resident of Malden, Mass. She leaves four sons are John W., of this city; Fred W., of Charlestown; James A., of Malden; Arthur E., of New York.

The daughters are Mrs. Joseph Kimball, of Aburndale, Mass, and Misses Elizabeth L. and Margaret M., at home. Many St. John friends will regret to learn of Mrs. Hamilton's leath.

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OF LOCAL INTEREST

In The Police Court In the police court yesterday Richard Scott, who was remanded some time ago for assaulting his wife in their home on Queen street was fined \$20.

St. John Exhibition Directors St. John Exhibition Directors.
The directors of the St. John Exhibition Association have effected officers as follows:—President, A. O. Skinner; Vice-Presidents, R. B. Emerson and R. O'Brien; Treasurer, Alex. Macaulay; T. H. Estabrooks, W. F. Burditt, R. Patchell, C. B. Allan, E. L. Rising; George E. Barbour and Dr. J. H. Frink members of the Executive with the officers.

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