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### THE MARITIME BOARD.

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may have been able to do something for the local good. Complete Maritime Union is not in

than that of a St. John or Halifax meeting where he local standpoint is presented, and where the

mous deficits, and in two years has produced a ton for the failure.

chief drawback," according to Mr. Graham "is i details of all expenditures are made public. It the tender is made public and the contractors ance to force up the price." And Mr. Graham in the publicity and we can make the nial pay and pay well." all pay and pay well." There is inister does not explain how contractors are publicity "to force up the price." There is ty through the blue books for a year or so bills are paid. There is none in Parliament ing session time, fand not then until the transcending tenders until the contract based on late. The evil effect of publicity must there from the public knowing after the contract has the goods or the service cost. There is that this tends to keep the price down rather grease it.

In the Montreal contractor who did not pay anything the suit of Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick farmers.

Many things are delaying the suit of Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr. Pugsley against the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Mr.

The Montreal contractor who did not pay anything for his city hall contract, but only placed \$500 on the desk of the alderman who helped him get the contract, that deals are the worst. The exposure of a has had the effect of reducing prices. System is bad enough as it is, but if re administered with the certainty that would never be revealed, we should have

worse graft and more of it. Imagine Contractor Wallburg dealing with a department which would never be obliged to tell how much money he got! Consider what the Eastern Supply Company would do with the Intercolonial if the prices wer never to be revealed! The system of concealment has been pretty well tested under the late New Brunswick Government. It did not promote economy or honesty.

Given less publicity and Mr. Graham may conceal his bad bargains and the middlemen may enjoy immunity from discovery. But the men on the patronage list would not seize the opportunity of secret bargains to reduce their profits and their prices. Dealers are not waiting to give the Intercolonial great bargains the moment they can conceal their benevolence from the public. Mr. Graham cannot save a million a year by buying at confidential prices. uying at confidential prices.

buying at confidential prices.

It is not explained whether Mr. Graham proposes to keep the secret of receipts as well as payments. He does not say that the publication of the price of tickets or the freight rate on goods enables travellers and shipers to force down the price. But it would be part of the same programme to be able to make a special bargain at prices never to be disclosed with any passenger or forwarder of goods. or forwarder of goods.

Nor is it surprising that Mr. Graham has had to go to Germany to find a precedent for his secrecy programme. Germany has not yet reached the stage of responsible government. The railway management is responsible government. The railway management is not responsible to Parliament or to the people. Publicity can be avoided under this system. Mr. Graham is not the only minister at Ottawa who would like to escape publicity, but Canada cannot adopt the German bureau cratic method to suit his complaint.

### THE ROSS RIFLE FRAUD.

Here is a state of things. The Ross Rifle used at Bisley is certified by Sir Fred. Borden to be the regular service rifle of Canada. But the competitors in the Dominion Rifle Association matches cannot get these rifles because only a few have been made and those for he matter of the withdrawal of the St. John Board and from the Maritime board might well be reconsidered from the Maritime board might well be reconsidered from the Maritime board might well be reconsidered from the Maritime board might be reconsidered from the Maritime board might be reconsidered from the Maritime board might be reconsidered from the people of Canada paid \$1,500,000, is not the same rifle, and does not suit. So it has come about that a number of men will not go into the competition against comrades who are already with a special pot-hunting machine. The trouble all grows out of the fact that the minister declared the Bisley Ross Rifle to be a regular service weapon when it was not.

eem to be conflicting.

the St. John Board believes that the Maritime is not useful and should be dissolved, it would be make that proposition at the Maritime Board.

There is an appearance of unfriendliness and of comradeship when an influential board like that look of the control of the company is the control of the c John withdraws and places itself in a position of chance at the start. We may expect that the Intercolonial on. If the Maritime Board has not been of any lat will also give consideration to this traffic especially to this city, St. John and its business representation to the start.

Burglars at Work.

An attempt was made on Thursday inglit to break into Burpee E. Brown's drug store on the corner of Princess and towns, whose local organizations have less eath those of the Interest eath those of the larger cities. It has given unity for an exchange of views on subjects with at points of view. Such meetings may be more than that of a St. John or Halifax meetings where the local standpoint is presented, and where the

he local standpoint is presented, and where the sharmoniously and unanimously decides in favor local contention.

Standard may also be permitted to observe that as an desires to retain the comradeship of the other. Standard may also be permitted to observe that as with reflections upon the call of the former Liberal. The News has been saying that the communities in its neighborhood, it should rederal Government is not Liberal and that Canadian communities in its neighborhood, it should example of breadth and co-operation, and avoid no appearance of narrowness and isolation. There tain geographical elements which at times seem tiffy the interest of a part of this province with rather than with St. John. On the other hand in may have geographical relations closer than with a part of Nova Scotia. These features

In may have geographical relations closer than in may have geographical relations closer than it with a part of Nova Scotia. These features situation must be recognized and accepted as they d not as either St. John or Halifax would like them. If they lead to all night discussion with arent valuable result, we may understand why nents and parliaments have also found the solution ficult and slow.

Mr. Snowball, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, took occasion in his opening address to condemn the terms of lease given by the province to the company operating the iron deposits in Gloucester county. It would have been equally appropriate for Mr. Snowball of discuss the secret understandings by which certain favored lumber firms formerly escaped the payment of two-thirds of the stumpage that the law required. Mr. Snowball's criticism of the Hazen Government is heavily discounted.

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rifle matches for cadets at 200 and
500 yards the St. John cadets will be
represented at the D. R. A. matches
by Color Sergt, R. D. Robertson, of
St. Andrèw's cadet corps. These matches were shot in the same day
throughout Canada and the twent
highest are to go to the D. R. A. matches to shoot. The highest eight of
these will be formed into a team to
go to Bisley next year to compete for
the Lord Roberts' trophy. Sergt. Robertson is a son of Mr. J. M. Robertson, of Princess street. The Late Mr. Lawrence Belding.

Mr. A. M. Belding has received from the secretary of No. 8 Co., 5th Royal Highlanders, Montreal, on behalf of the company a letter of condolence touching the death of his son Law-rence, their "comrade in arms." Let-ters from many distant as well as lo-cal friends have been sent to the be-reaved family.

### Burglars at Work.

A telegram has been received from Charlottetown, P. E. I., stating that Master Lawrence MacLaren, of this city won the gold medal for his Scotch dancing and playing of bagpipes at a gathering of the clans held there on Thursday.

### Boston Tourists.

Lancaster Ferry.

The Lancaster Ferry steamer E. Ross, has been off the route for a day or two and placed on the blocks below the falls. A rowboat is attending to the ferry service but the regular ferry is expected on again to-

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Clair and MacRae, proctors.

Today's Picnic at Welsford.

Those who attend the Foresters' excursion and blueberry picnic today, at Welsford, will have the pleasure of seeing one of the most beautifully decorated picnic grounds in New Brunswick. Situated as they are in a pine and spruce grove through which winds a babbling brook, these grounds make naturally an ideal spot for a picnic, but now with the evergreen pagoda, streaming flags and bunting, erected and arranged by Mr. James MciKnney, Jr., of St. John, the eccene is one of beauty long to be remembered. A number of Royal Foresters in full regalia, under command of Brigadier General Todd, will act as a guard of honor to the high court officers at the time that the grand cross of merit is presented to P. H. C. Ranger Mr. D. G. Lingley.

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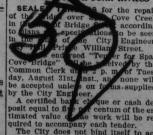
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In The Police Court,
In the police court yesterday John
Travis, Charles Doherty and Joseph
O'Brien, three youths, were charged
with throwing missiles. In addition,
Travis was said to have used obscene language to an eight year old
girl. They pleaded not guilty. After
some evidence, O'Brien and Doherty
were excused and a fine of eight doilars imposed on Travis was permitted to stand.

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