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MOMENTOUS ISSUE

The vote on the Marketing Bill in Parliament, as stated in the news columns, has been postponed until today. Two more supporters of the bill have come forward, one of them a Liberal representative from British Columbia, the other Mr. Henri Bourassa, former Nationalist leader and now an Independent.

A NEW HISTORY

A contribution of much value to students of Canadian legislative history has appeared in the shape of a volume entitled "The Maritimes and Canada Before Confederation," by William Menzies Whitelaw, A.M., Ph.D., assistant professor of History at McGill University.

On the question of Maritime Union, which brought the larger issue of Confederation to a head, (and which latterly has been advocated by people who know nothing about Maritime sentiment and conditions), the author shows his sympathy and understanding.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"During 1933," says a Halifax contemporary, "there was a drop in the number of motor cars registered of 31,546 or 2.8 per cent. The decrease by provinces was Ontario 11,244, Quebec 5,718, British Columbia 2,488, Alberta 768, Saskatchewan 6,901, Manitoba 2,830, Nova Scotia 710, New Brunswick 1,202, and Prince Edward Island 42.

The present year, notes an exchange, will witness national celebrations on the part of all the British Dominions. Here in Canada we shall commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of this land; Three Rivers will observe its tercentenary, and Toronto its centenary.

A GOOD BEGINNING

There was, as anticipated, great interest taken in the formal opening of the Falconwood Hospital last evening. Reconstructed from the old east wing, a large saving was effected in the cost of the work, but the building nevertheless has every appearance of a new edifice, and the equipment throughout is a credit to the Province.

PURE GALL

Our local contemporary's rancour against the MacMillan Government is clearly seen in its editorial yesterday on the forthcoming meeting of the Motor League. It goes out of its way to mention gasoline taxes, but of course says nothing about the two-cent boost which the Nova Scotia Liberal government has just given the gas tax in that Province.

RISE IN PRICES

Granting that a rise in commodity prices is highly to be desired, the record of the past year has been distinctly favorable. As Hon. E. N. Rhodes pointed out in his budget speech, from February, 1933, to February of this year the general index of wholesale prices in Canada rose by 13.4 per cent.

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exhaustive bibliography on the subject with which it deals, and it is also well indexed. It is to be hoped that several copies will be obtained for the Provincial Carnegie Library, and that it will be made easily accessible to all students of Canadian history in the Province.

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A Western Agrarian Ridicules Opposition

(Mail and Empire) Mr. Michael Luchkovich, B.A., M.P., is by no means a Conservative. He represents the agricultural constituency of Vegreville, Alberta, in the interests of the United Farmers of Ukanian extraction and a Greek Catholic in religion, he is one of the ablest Western representatives in Parliament. This, by way of introduction to a speech which he delivered in the House of Commons this week on the Government's Marketing Board Bill.

In an address replete with stinging satire he ridiculed the Liberal Opposition for its attitude towards the Marketing Bill and towards the whole question of trade decline during the depression which was under way for a full year before the Mackenzie King Government went out of office.

How Robert Burns Paid

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