

Politics During the Depression

1. King (1926-1930) Leaves Office

- In office when depression started
- He didn't do much of anything to help financially
- Voted out and replaced by R. B. Bennett

2. R. B. Bennett (1930-1935) enters office

- Taxes incoming goods and provided a lot of money to relief programs, but these counteracted each other as other countries started taxing Canada more
- Resulted in a lot less exports for Canada (even less demand for products)

3. R. B. Bennett and Relief

- Tried to help
- Established relief camps, but the conditions in the camps were horrible
- Tried to help farmers with their loans (remember they own money for their machinery)
- Established the bank of Canada

4. The New Deal

- Bennett Buggies
- New ideas for change / government more involved
- No confidence in Bennett
- New deal never got the time needed to make an impact

5. The Return of King (1935-1948)

- King (Liberal) now in power
- Didn't provide work
- Didn't continue the New Deal
- ended high taxes

6. The Economy Strengthens Under King

- Strengthened the CBC to provide more entertainment
- Hockey became more popular
- It was WWII that really brought Canada out of the depression as it created reasons for more jobs and government spending