Canada
A Nation on the Verge of Change

Liberal
J.S. Woodsworth
CCF
Conservative
Canada was a country whose economy was built on exporting raw materials and American investment.
Prime Minister Mackenzie King
1921-1930
(except for a few months in between)
King’s Response to the Depression

- People were not making money, so many people were no longer able to pay taxes

- King’s Response: He balanced the budget by slashing government spending. He rejected giving people money for relief, because he did not want to unbalance the country’s finances

- King would not give “a five cent” piece to any Conservative

- King said each province had to provide for itself.
Voters didn’t like King’s Answer

1930 Election: The Liberals lost to Conservative Leader R.B.Bennett
R.B. Bennett’s Promises

- Passed the Unemployment Relief Act: to provide assistance to the unemployed.

- He believed unemployment was a municipal and provincial problem not a federal one.

- He raised tariffs to keep out imports and protect Canadian goods
  “one of the greatest assets a man can have on entering life’s struggle is poverty.”
Definitions

- **Imports**: to bring in (merchandise, commodities, workers etc.) from a foreign country for use, sale, processing, re-export, or services

- **Exports**: to shift (commodities) to other countries or places for sale, exchange etc.
Definitions

- **Tariffs**: taxes or duties, on goods imported from other countries

- **Free Trade**: buying and selling between countries without tariffs, custom duties, or other government forms of intervening in the flow of trade
Bennett was no Better than King

Praire farm: “Bennett barnyard”
Newspaper: “Bennett blanket”
Roasted wheat: “Bennett coffee
Bolied chestnuts: “eggs Bennett”
Automobile pulled by a horse: “Bennett Buggy”
By 1932

- 175,000 men were sent to relief camps
- Men were paid 20 cents a day and given terrible food and big infested bunks.
- Because Ottawa struggled to find ways to cope with this Canadians sought new solutions
The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF)
Leader J.S. Woodsworth
Social Credit Party
Leader: William “Bible Bill” Aberhart
Union Nationale
Leader: Maurice Duplessis
A Political Race

- 1935 Election:
- Create a Poster for either the:
  - Co-operative Commonwealth Party
  - Social Credit Party
  - Union Nationale