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**Social Studies 11 Unit 4 Crisis and Survival: The Great Depression and World War II**

## **4C Response to the Great Depression**

**Reference:**

Counterpoints Ch. 4, p. 101-113

**Focus question:**

What were the labour and social impacts of economic cycles and changes during the Great Depression?

**Notes from the presentation:** In your own words, what were some of the ways governments tried to respond to the Depression?



Striking workers from a relief camp  
<http://canadawiki.org/images/6/64/Ontoottawa.jpg>

### **Questions from Counterpoints Ch. 4**

**RESPONDING TO THE DEPRESSION:** (page 101)

1. What did King believe regarding the Depression. What was his response when desperate Canadians turned to the federal government for help? What was his basis for choosing which provincial governments to help?

2. Using Source 3 on page 81 – List the three provinces which were hit the worse. Where did B.C. rank?

**Bennett's Response:**

3. Who became Prime Minister in 1930. Name his party. What was his view (at first) regarding government relief? What was his policy on tariffs? What was his reason for this policy? Explain why it did more harm than good.

4. List three ways Bennett's name was used as an object of anger and frustration.

5. What did the government ban in 1931? Explain why.

**Working for Twenty Cents a Day:**

6. Where were the work camps located? Why? What were the wages? What jobs did they do?

7. Briefly describe the conditions and the morale in the work camps.

8. What was the purpose of the ON TO OTTAWA TREK? results?

**POLITICS OF PROTEST:** (page 106)

9. C.C.F. Tell what the letters stand for. When/where was it formed? Who was its leader? State, in one word, its ideology.

10. Name its platform and state the three main "**planks**" of this platform.

11. What did this party "provide"? What was it the 'forerunner' of?

12. Who was "Bible Bill" Aberhart? What was **Social Credit** based on? What conflict did Aberhart run into when he promised everyone a "basic dividend" of twenty-five dollars?

**Provincial Solutions:**

13. How did voters express their dissatisfaction with government?

14. Characterize **Mitch Hepburn's** premiership.

15. Who was Maurice Duplessis? What did he do?

16. What did Premier Dufferin Patullo do for residents of B.C.?

**A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT:**

17. Who returned to power in 1935?

18. What did the National Employment Commission find in 1936?

**Increased Tension in Federal-Provincial Relations:**

19. What disagreement caused tension between the federal and provincial governments?

20. What did the **Rowell-Sirois** Commission recommend? How did the wealthier provinces react?

**Up-Close: Mackenzie and R.B. Bennett:** (page 112)

21. How long did Mackenzie King serve as Prime Minister? What does this article state about his "vague manner".

22. Why did most give little respect to R.B. Bennett? According to the article, was it justified (your opinion)?

**DISTRACTIONS FROM DESPAIR:**

23. What was created in 1936? (p. 104) Why?

24. Who were the Dionne Quintuplets? (may have to look elsewhere)

25. Who was “**Grey Owl**”? (may have to look elsewhere)

**26. If you have time, try the skill-building activities on p. 108-109**

**27. If you have time, take a look at the “Counterpoints: How Involved Should the Government Be in the Economy During a Depression” issue and think about how the key question could be answered and also how the Americans handled their Great Depression.**

28. Other questions or observations?