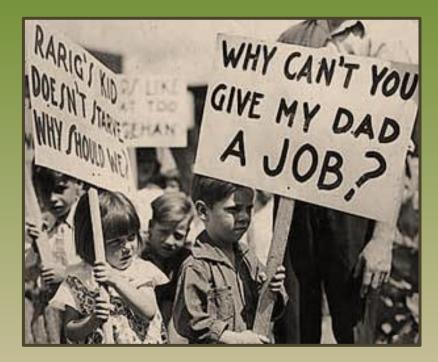
The Dirty Thirties

Causes of the Great Depression











Cause 1: OVER PRODUCTION

- We produced too many products because...
 - Stock prices were high and
 - Assembly line production made it easy
- Unsold, extra things were warehoused and factories shut down until extra things were sold.

Lesson:

You should only produce as much as you can sell. (supply & demand)







Cause 2: RESOURCE-BASED ECONOMY

- Canada depended on too few resources.
- Canada mostly exported (sold) natural resources (wheat, fish, pulp & paper).
- Canada experienced severe drought in the 1930s and the west became a decided.
- Countries were no longer buying Canada's resources.

Lesson:

Selling many different kinds of products is best. (diversify)



Cause 3: DEPENDENCE ON U.S.A.

- Pre WWI Canada's largest trading partner was Britain; post WWI Canada depended too much on the USA as a trading partner.
- When the depression hit the USA, we knew it was going to hit Canada too.

Lesson:

"When the U.S. sneezed, the rest of the world got pneumonia."



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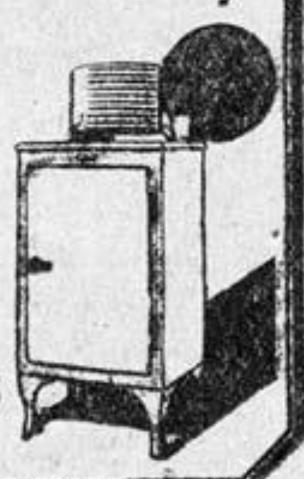
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Cause 4: BUYING ON CREDIT

- 1920s motto: "buy now, pay later"
- Buying items on credit was a NEW concept.
- Most people didn't own anything they had!
- Canadians fell helplessly into debt.
- Creditors would repossess goods and even houses, leaving some with nothing.

Lesson:

Don't spend more than you make.





THE STOCK MARKET CRASH OF 1929

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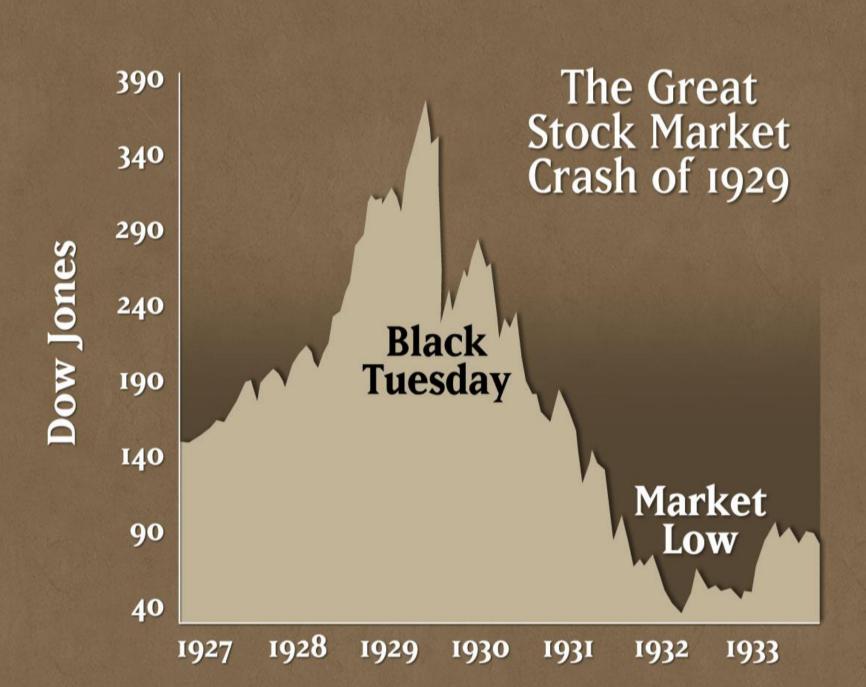
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The Spark: STOCK MARKET CRASH

October 29, 1929 is known as BLACK TUESDAY

- Too many people "buying on margin" (getting loans to buy shares)
- When stock prices went down, people couldn't pay back their loans
- This caused people to SELL shares
- Selling causes more selling, and more, and PANIC!

The Spark: STOCK MARKET CRASH

- When stock prices fell, thousands of people lost their life savings meaning...
- People became fearful about the future and stopped spending money, meaning...
- Companies went out of business meaning...
- Workers had no jobs meaning...
- Unemployed people have no money to spend...

MULTIPLIER EFFECT

Average Stock Prices

\$66
\$50
\$66
\$66
\$70
\$90
\$110
\$135
\$165
\$188
\$95
\$53
\$47
\$35

(US dollars)

Cdn Unemployment Rate

1920	5.8%
1921	5.3%
1922	5.0%
1923	3.4%
1924	4.6%
1925	4.6%
1926	4.6%
1927	2.9%
1928	1.9%
1929	4.0%
1930	8.0%
1931	13.0%
1932	18.0%
1933	19.6%
2011	7.1%



Stock Market: TYPES



Bull Market:

Period of optimism and recovery in the stock market.

Bear Market:

Decline in the stock market over time.

