



## KING vs. BENNETT

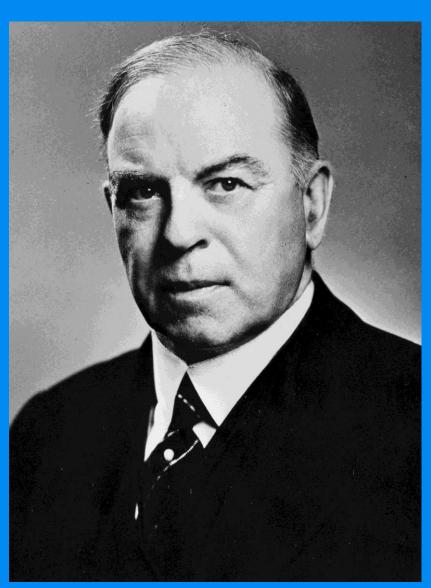


Liberal Party

Conservative Party

### William Lyon Mackenzie KING

- Liberal Party
- Prime Minister 1921-1930
- Prime Minister 1935-1948
- •Believe government should be less involved in the lives of the public
- Believed in letting the depression "run its course"



#### R.B. BENNETT

- Conservative Party
- Prime Minister in 1930-1935
- Started Unemployment ReliefAct
- Believed the government should be more involved in the lives of the people
- Copied American President with a "new deal"



# The NEW DEAL The Canadian Version

The government can't let the depression "cure itself", therefore we must spend \$\$ and CREATE jobs

- •8 hour work day
- Minimum wage
- Unemployment insurance
- Price controls

#### KING OR CHAOS

- •Many voters were skeptical of the New Deal:
  - •was this just an election ploy???
  - •Or too little, too late???
- Voters had grown tired of Bennett and his ideas:
  - Government Relief attached to Work Programs
  - Work Camp (protests)
- The government provided confusion, not support
  - Municipal and Provincial governments were often on the brink of bankruptcy

#### **VOTERS ELECTED KING IN 1935**

#### WHAT ENDED THE DEPRESSION?

On September 10, 1939...

## Canada (with Britain) declared WAR ON NAZI GERMANY

**Unemployed Men:** 

Returned to work in factories producing war materials

Became soldiers