

CANADIAN HISTORY UNIT 5: CANADIAN IDENTITY

1931-1982: The Great Depression, Social Reform,
and the Growth of Canadian Culture

Origins of the Great Depression

Reliance on exports/commodity
prices

Poor harvests

Collapse of world trade

Stock Market Crash

Impact on Peoples' Lives

Unemployment

Declining birth rate

Lower immigration

Increased deportation

Classes

Government Response

- Bennett's "New Deal"
 - "Buggies"
- Relief Camps
 - On To Ottawa Trek/Regina Riot, 1935
- Creation of the Bank of Canada
- Creation of the Canadian Wheat Board



New Political Parties

- Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, 1932
- J.S. Woodsworth
- Regina Manifesto
 - Mixed economy
 - Nationalization
 - Welfare State



New Political Parties

- Social Credit, 1932
 - William Aberhart
 - Give credit to people to spend during the Depression
- Union National, 1935
 - Duplessis
 - Conservative
 - Nationalistic



Social Reform and Change

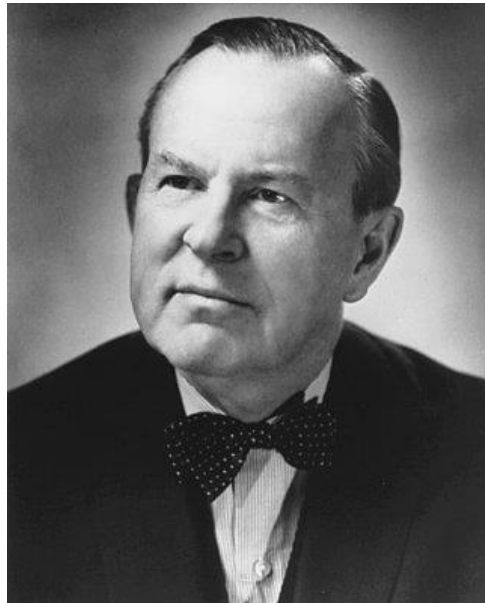
- Growth of the welfare state
- Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, 1937-1940 (Rowell-Sirois)
 - Taxes
 - Pensions
 - Unemployment Insurance
 - Provincial debt
 - Equalization payments

Social Reform and Change

- Growth of the Welfare State
 - Marsh Report, 1943
 - Social Insurance
 - Family Allowance
 - Old Age Security, 1951
 - Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), 1957
 - Canada Pension Plan, 1965

Social Reform and Change

- Medical Care Act (Medicare), 1966 (Pearson)
- Tommy Douglas, Sask., 1962



Social Growth and Reform

Post war prosperity:

Rural Electrification

Urban growth

Television

Transportation

Rising living standards

Baby Boom

Oil Industry

Social Growth and Reform

- Protecting Human Rights
 - Canadian Bill of Rights (Diefenbaker), 1960
 - Women's movement, growth of feminism
 - Royal Commission on Status of Women, 1970
 - Equal Work – Equal Value
 - Day Care
 - Maternity Leave
 - Federal and Provincial Human Rights Commissions

Promoting Canadian Culture

- Creation of CBC, 1936 and the NFB, 1939
- The Massey Commission, 1948-1951 (Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences)
- Canada Council, 1957
- CRTC, 1968
- Debate about Americanization of Canadian Culture
- Canadian Culture