

R.B. Bennett's Response to the Depression

R.B. Bennett became prime minister in 1930 when his Conservatives beat out Mackenzie King's Liberals. The situation in Canada that Bennett inherited was poor at the time because of the Depression. During his time in office Bennett would forever change the role that the government played in the daily lives of Canada's people.

R.B. Bennett took the following steps to deal with the problems of the Depression:

1. Passed the Unemployment Relief Act to provide assistance to the unemployed
2. Raised tariffs to keep out imports and protect Canadian businesses
3. Created Unemployment Relief Camps to provide work, food and shelter for homeless young men