Meanwhile in Canada...
Causes

• Wheat prices decline from ’27
• Drought hurts Western farmers → Collapse of Winnipeg Grain Exchange before Black Tuesday
• US collapse led to decrease in demand for raw materials; protective tariffs hurt exports
• CAN lost $300M on BT; US lost $9B
  – 27% unemployment
  – Farmers declare bankruptcy
  – Wealth gap: some benefitted from deflation
  – AB and BC passed sterilization laws
Politics

• Liberal PM Mackenzie King vs. Conservative R.B. Bennett (laissez-faire, protective tariffs) → Bennett wins 1930 election
  – $20M in relief; Asked UK for $$ → refused
  – Relief Camps (CAN Hoovervilles)

• Bennett’s tariff only helps central manufacturers
  – No help to farmers/Maritimes
  – Seen as kind of a jerk
Resistance

• Relief Camp Workers Union stages walkout
  – Communist leader “Shim” Evans goes to Ottawa
  – Bennett stops trains to negotiate → refuses
  – Strikers to Regina → RCMP engaged peaceful rally → riot
  – Bennett’s career takes a hit
Yes We CAN!

• Canadian New Deal
  – Began provincially, then made its way to Bennett
  – Minimum wage; 8hr. workday; 6-day max workweek
  – Health insurance, workmen’s comp, unemployment ins.
The Return of the King

• 3rd Party sinks Bennett → reelection of King

• Lots of labour unrest → socialism/communism flare
  – WUL communist league denounced by Internationale
  – 1935 – Illegal to form revolutionary orgs.

• Antigonish Movement
  – Maritime priests led by Rev. Dr. Moses Coady
  – Failed b/c of discord b/t Catholics/Protestants

Bring back WLM King!
• Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (Winnipeg)
  – J.S. Woodsworth – wanted progressive/labour politics
  – Public ownership of transportation, finance, electricity “for the good of the people”

• Social Credit Movement – “Bible Bill” Aberhart
  – Alberta-based price fixing to avoid inflation
  – Worked there, declared illegal by courts/govt.

• Union Nationale – Quebec
  – Attacked Liberal leadership
  – Supported semi-Fascist “Padlock Law” of 1937
  – Ruled Quebec until 1960