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