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### The Desperate years – Making Ends Meet: pages 94-100

1. Describe conditions on the prairies in the early 1930s.
2. What happened to wheat prices in the 1930s? Why?
3. How were people without work seen in the 1930s?
4. What was "pogey"? How did one obtain it? Why were these payments kept very low?
5. What was the extent of unemployment by 1933?
6. Why did young men "ride the rails" in this era?
7. How were destitute Chinese Canadians treated in Vancouver during this period?
8. What is "anti-Semitism"? How did this affect these people during the Depression?
9. How were Aboriginal families on relief treated differently from non-Aboriginals?
10. Why were many women forced out of the work force during the 1930s?
11. Why do you think unemployed single women received no relief during the Depression?
12. Why were people with jobs during the Depression especially well off?

### Responding to the Depression: pages 101-105

13. What was PM King's response to the Great Depression?
14. What were "work camps"?
15. What was the "On-to-Ottawa Trek"? What was the reaction of people along the Trek's route?
16. How did PM Bennett respond? What was the "Regina Riot"?
17. What was PM King's response to the Great Depression after he won the 1935 election?




Dust Bowl



PM King

### The On-To-Ottawa Trek

- Workers had no money - had to ride the rails to Ottawa
- June 3, 1000 strikers climbed on the boxcars of a CPR freight train
- CPR employees were sympathetic to the strikers



On to Ottawa Trek