Socials 11 Name

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Unit: The Interwar Years

Topic: Depression in Canada

Assignment: The Depression in Canada

Reference: Canadiana Scrapbook: The Depression Years

**Riding the Rails**

Describe what this way of transportation may have looked like…

Why did men choose this often dangerous lifestyle?

Describe the conditions of the temporary “jungles” transient men set up.

How did one man rationalize “riding the rails” as an art form?

How did many citizens view these homeless transients? Is this any different than how we judge or view the homeless today? Explain.

**Government Camps**

Who was eligible for entrance into these camps?

Notice the men are referred to as “inmates” in L. Richter’s quote. Describe how this reflects the attitude people had toward homeless, unemployed men

Compare “A Winnipeg Man Complains to his MP” with “Prime Minister Bennett Defends the Camps”. Which one do you think more accurately portrays the conditions of these camps? Why is it important to read both sources?

**The On-To-Ottawa Trek**

What was the purpose of this demonstration?

Why do they change venues for the protest from Vancouver to Ottawa?

Read the 6 demands of the Ottawa Trekkers. Take the position of gov’t and state a brief argument against 3 of the demands.

**Who Caused the Regina Riot?**

Read the excerpt at the top of the right page from ***The Canadian Press, 1933***. Is this a reliable source for the riot? Why or why not?

Compare B. Broadfoot’s account of the Riot to “The R.C.M.P. Position” on the opposite page. Who do YOU think started the Regina Riot?

**How to Survive?**

Describe the typical meals a transient could get at a soup kitchen.

How did some children manage to cheat their way into more streetcar rides?

What possible reason was given as to why soup kitchen meals were so awful?