



**“Come Walk Awhile
in Our Shoes”:**

**A Journey of Ordinary – & Historically
Significant – Canadians,
1900-1945 *Dynamic Situations***

A man in a dark military uniform with a peaked cap and medals on his chest stands in the foreground. Behind him is a large bronze sculpture depicting soldiers in a trench during a battle. The sculpture is set on a stone base with the year '1914' visible. In the background, there is a Gothic-style building with a tall spire and a clock tower. The scene is set outdoors under a clear blue sky.

**... 47
diverse,
intriguing,
&
engaging
1900-45
*dynamic
situations!***

“Come Walk Awhile in Our Shoes”

Years/Events/*Dynamic Situations*

Each *dynamic situation* is linked to:

- an “expectation” of the grade 10 History course,
- & each *dynamic situation* stands on its own within the revised 2013 Ontario curriculum.

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The Story Did You Know? Credits

Fanny "Bobbie" Rosenfeld is one of Canada's — if not the world's — greatest all-around athletes. The easiest way to describe Rosenfeld's athletic prowess is to say that she isn't a great swimmer. At a time when women are considered delicate flowers, Rosenfeld breaks convention by excelling at every sport she participates in — track, tennis, basketball, softball, speed skating and hockey. Rosenfeld remembers some career highlights, including her 1928 Olympic medal wins, in this 1964 CBC Radio interview.

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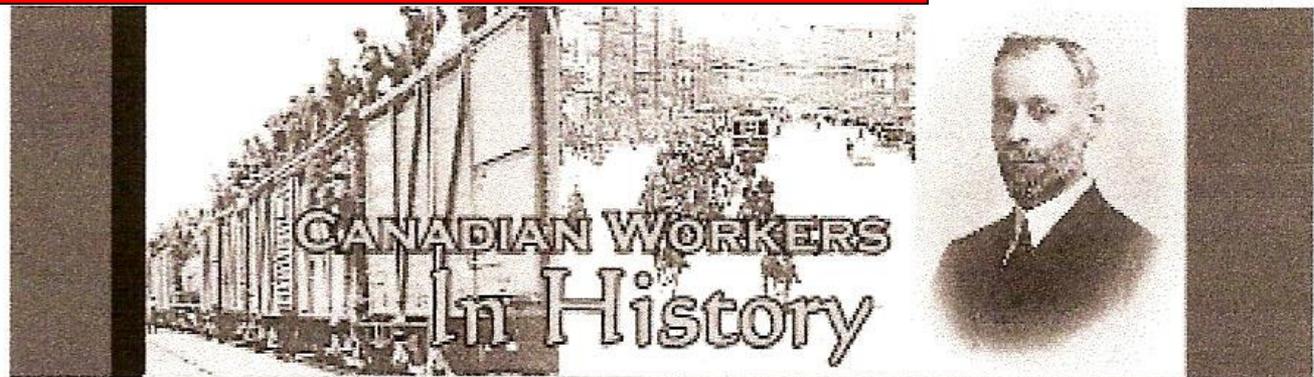


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CANADIAN WORKERS IN HISTORY

... the dynamic situations provide opportunities to explore themes/public issues:

- **communicable diseases** (e.g. typhoid, smallpox, tuberculosis, STDs, influenza),
- **French-English relations,**
- **evolving status of women in Canadian society,**
- **evolution of Canada's social safety net,**
- **medical discoveries** (e.g. diabetes & the discovery of insulin),
- **Canadian-American relations,**
- **international collective security,**
- **war, peace & the crisis of conscience,**
- **personal legacies of war** (e.g. physical disabilities, psychological/emotional disorders like PTSD or post-traumatic stress disorder),
- **racial & other forms of prejudice, discrimination,**

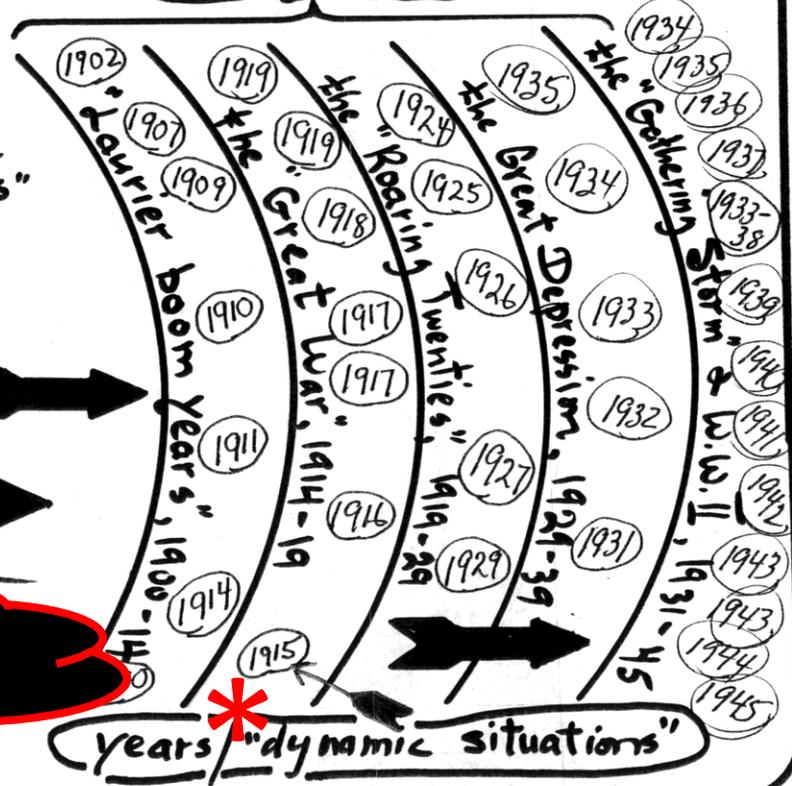
Key Concepts – Dynamic Situations & a Plurality of Perspective:

"Come Walk Awhile in Our Shoes": A Journey of Ordinary – & Some Not-So-Ordinary – Canadians, 1900-45 + 1945-99.

"macro-events"

"micro-personal profiles"
 combining: { 1) ethnicity / ancestry
 2) region / locality
 3) social class / layer } "eye lens"

- plus gender



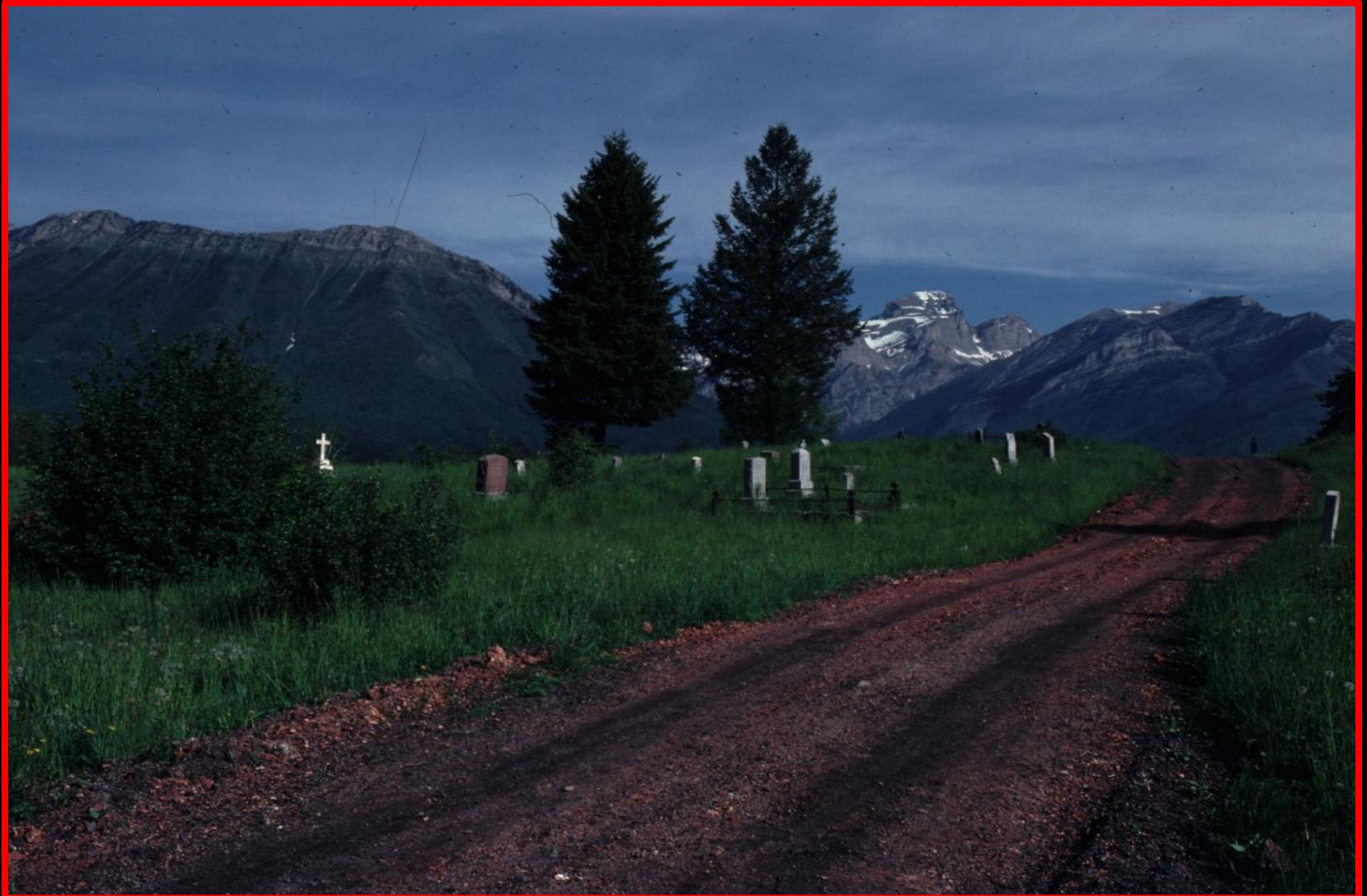
Within these big "macro-events," our experiences are so different! I wonder why?

Example: *Dynamic Situation*, 1902: death of a father in the workplace during the “Laurier boom years” – coal mining disasters in the Crow’s Nest Pass, BC.

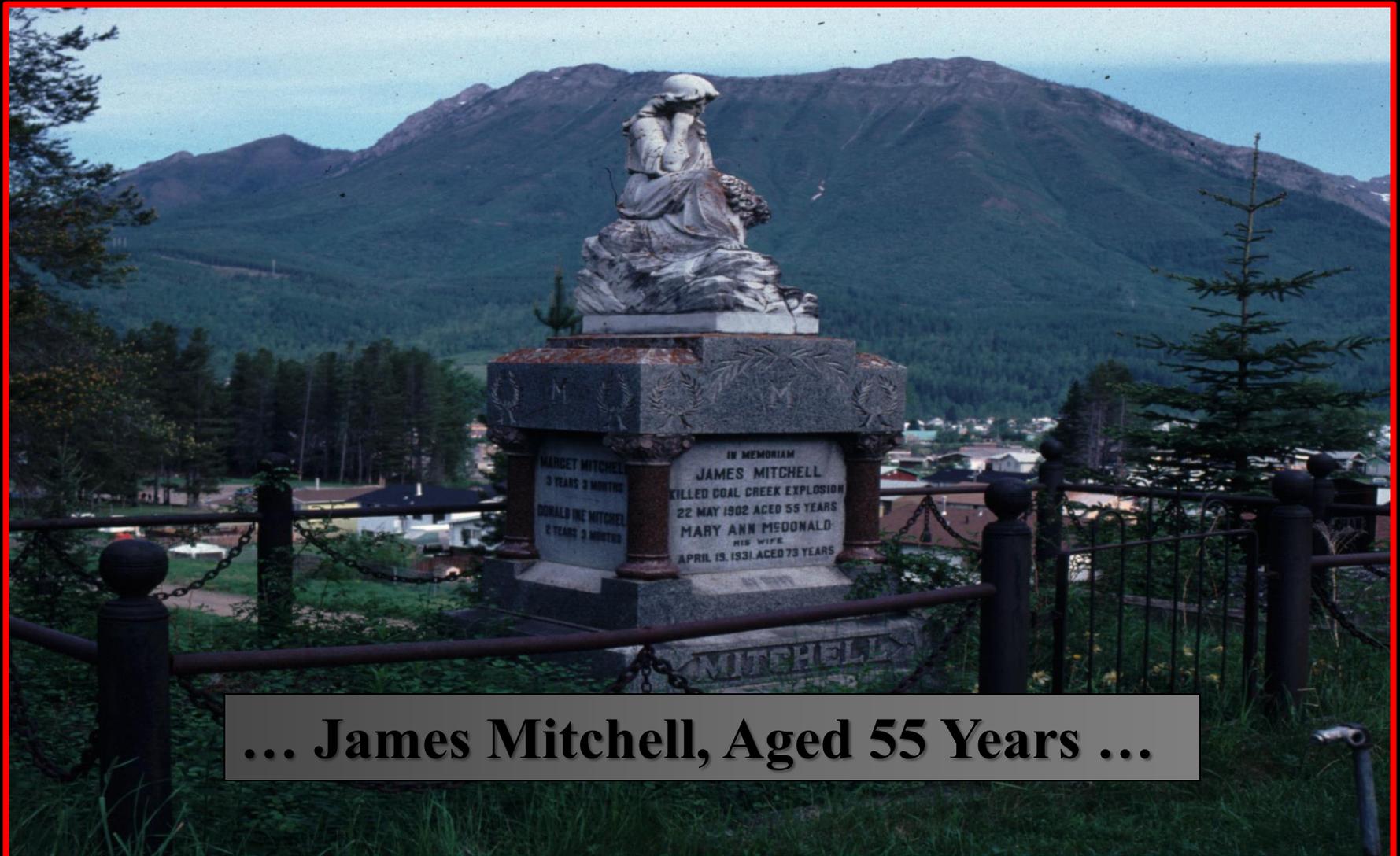


... the Frank Slide & Crow’s Nest Mt. AB ...

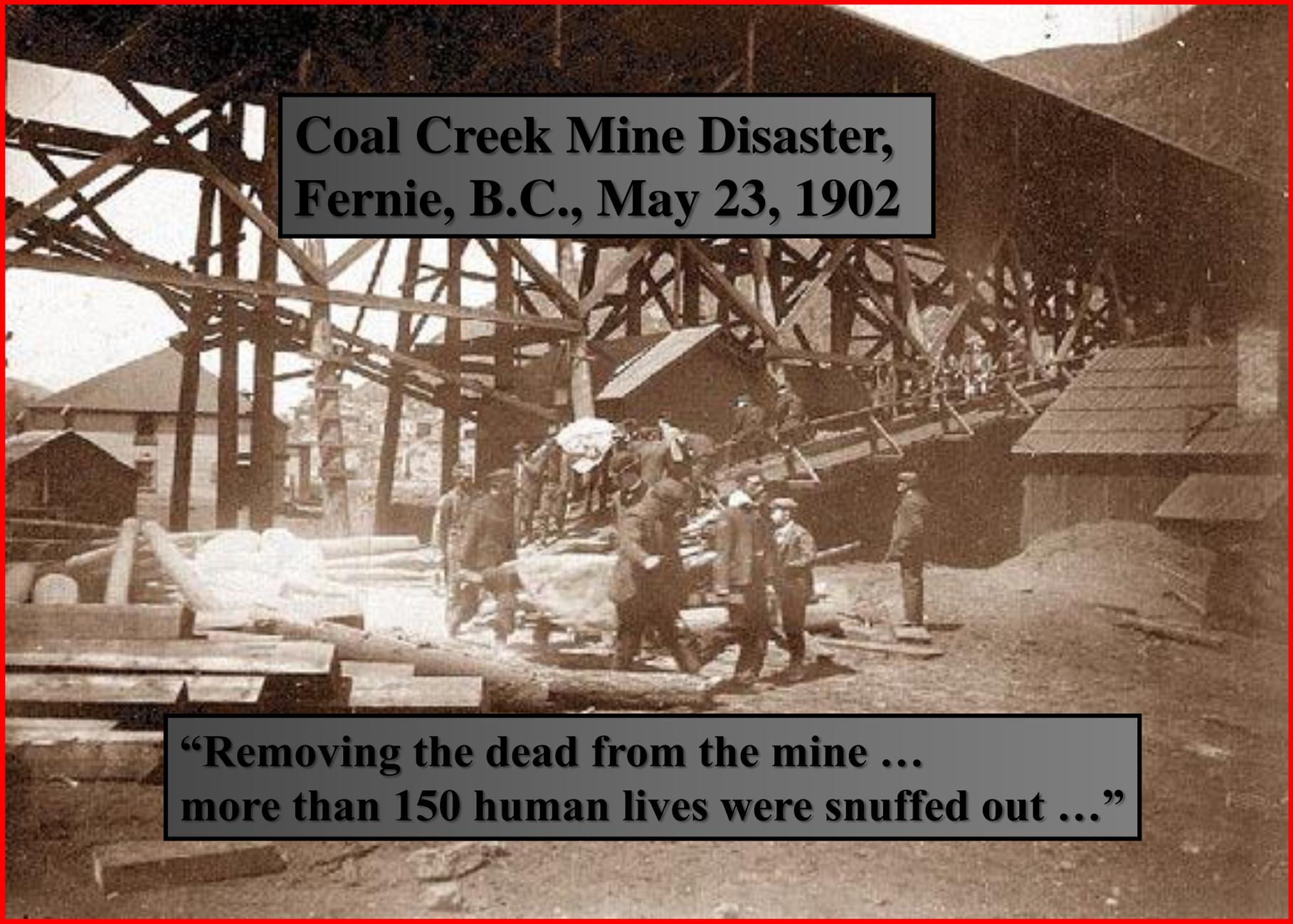
... the entrance to a cemetery, near Fernie,
the Crow's Nest Pass, BC ...



**... one victim of two coal mining explosions that
claimed the lives of 232 miners in 1902 ...**



... James Mitchell, Aged 55 Years ...

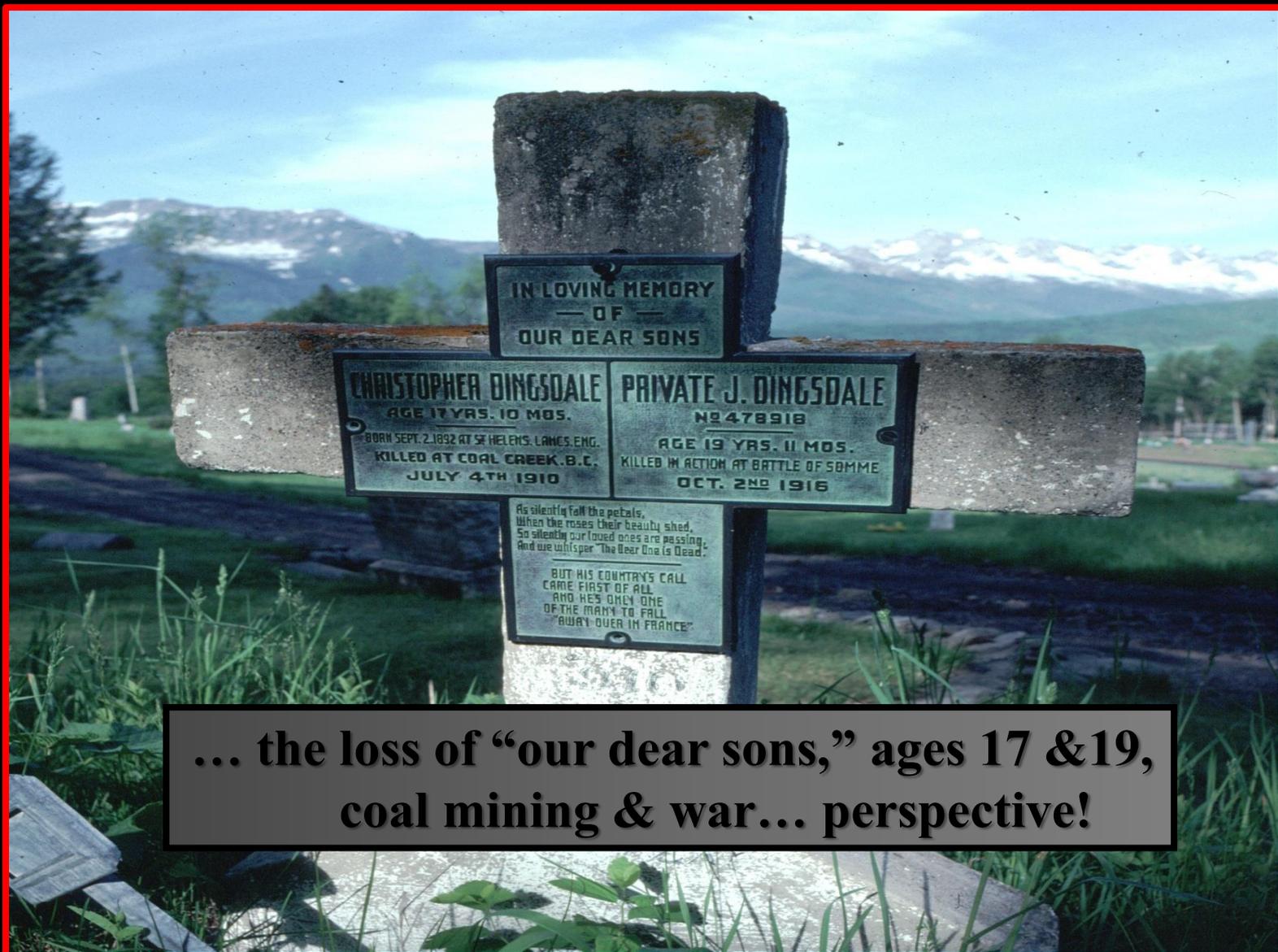


**Coal Creek Mine Disaster,
Fernie, B.C., May 23, 1902**

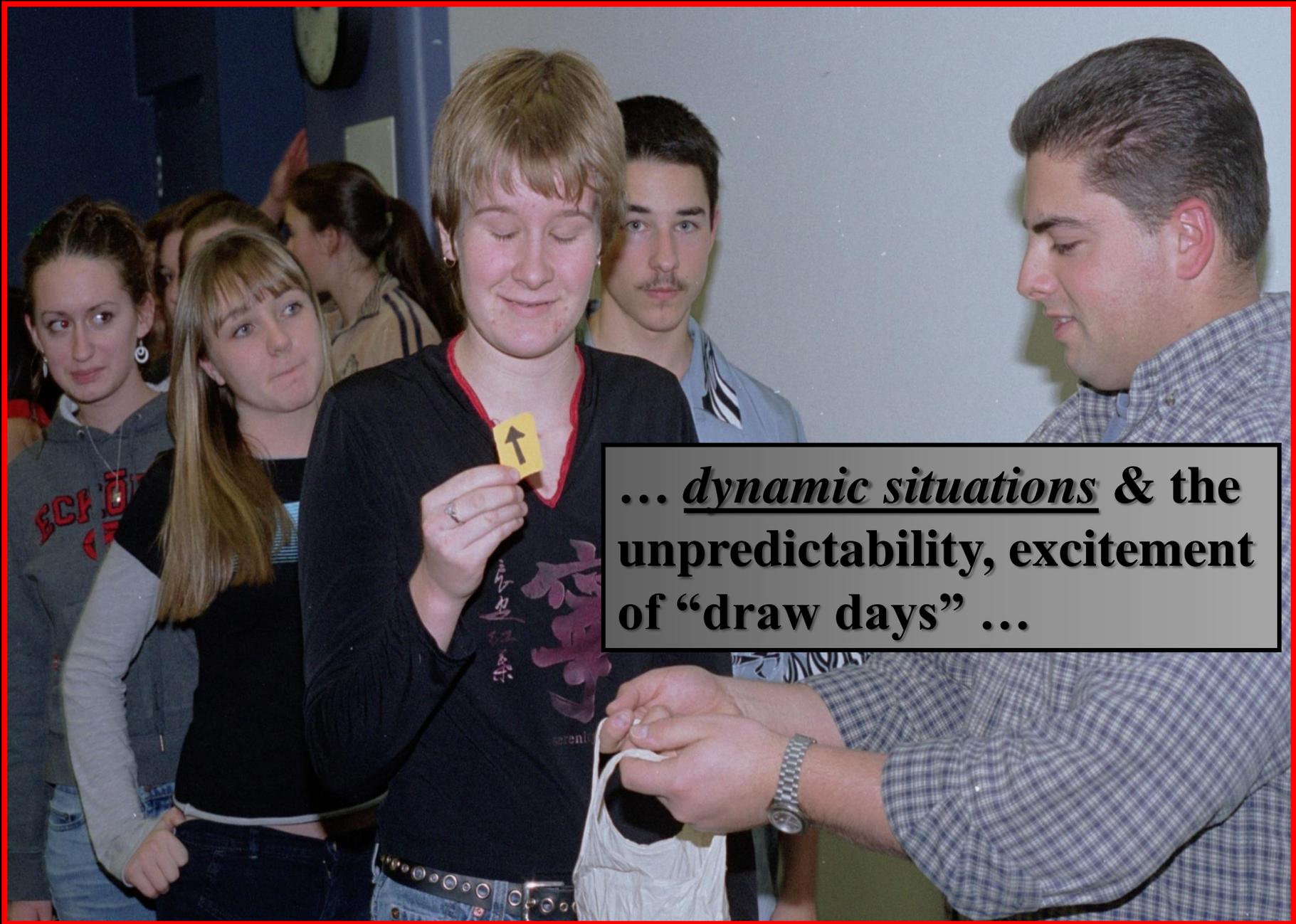
**“Removing the dead from the mine ...
more than 150 human lives were snuffed out ...”**

Dynamic Situations = A Plurality of Perspective:

- all did not prosper during the “Laurier boom years”!



... the loss of “our dear sons,” ages 17 & 19,
coal mining & war... perspective!



... dynamic situations & the unpredictability, excitement of “draw days” ...



**... what will be my/my family's fate? ...
a volatile mix of good, bad & tragic news stories!**



... will my family move up the social ladder?



**... what does it mean?
... good news, or bad news?**

1900 dynamic situation:

- **Canada & the South African (Boer) War – a “Nursing Sister” goes overseas & a “flag riot” in Montreal!**

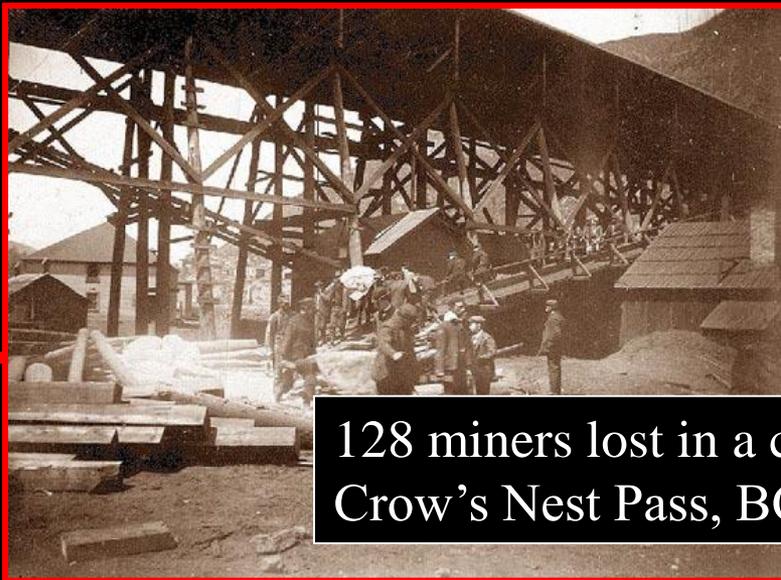
- ethnicity/ancestry,
- patriotism, allegiance.



Nursing Sister, Minnie Affleck, & 1st Canadian Contingent, 1900

1902 dynamic situation:

- **death of a father in the workplace!**
 - socioeconomic status,
 - ethnicity/ancestry,
 - downward social mobility,
 - evolution of Canada's 'social safety net.'



128 miners lost in a coal mining disaster, Coal Creek, Crow's Nest Pass, BC, 22 May 1902 ...

IN MEMORIAM

Giacento Altobello	A.J. Davis	George Housby	Antonio Matteo	Joe Senegala
Amedeo Angelo	William Davis	Andrew Hoven	Ignace Malulak	Joe Shelling
Antonio Angelo	James Dickson	Joe Hrubos	Antonio Mazzei	Girado Silla
Larkin Armstead	Clarence Elyyn	John Hughes	Willie McDonald	Luciano Silla
Mike Bakos	Edward Faley	Joseph Hughes	John McIntyre Jr.	B. Stauchina
Steve Balayti	Thomas Fearful Jr.	Thomas Johnson	John McLeod	Thomas Stevens
George Barbiera	Thomas Fearful Sr.	Victor Johnston	Malcolm McLeod	John Stewart
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Thomas Barton	Goetorio Federico	Albert Korkes	Dougald Milroy	William Thorpe
George Beach	Matteo Federico	John Korman	James Mitchell	James Thorpe
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Aaron Colclough	Owen Holmes	S.J. Marsh	George Rutledge	
Joe Crump	John Horvath	Joe Matago	Frank Salter	

1906 dynamic situation:

- **a divisive & violent workplace dispute, Buckingham, QC, Oct.8, 1906**

(the James Maclaren Lumber Company vs. the Knights of Labor)

- 'bread & butter' issues & management-labour relations,
- social layer/class,
- ethnicity/ancestry,
- the role of the militia.



James Maclaren Lumber Company Mill, Buckingham, QC



1907 dynamic situation:

- the Vancouver anti-Asian riot during a time of economic recession!
 - ethnicity/ancestry,
 - locality/region,
 - prejudice, discrimination, racist organizations,



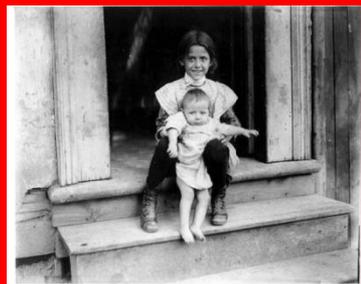
Japanese-Canadian store after the riot, Vancouver, 1907

1908 dynamic situation:

- depending on social economic status, the possible death of a bread-winner to TB

(statistical evidence for 1908: nearly 12,000 known deaths in Canada from tuberculosis, or “consumption.”)

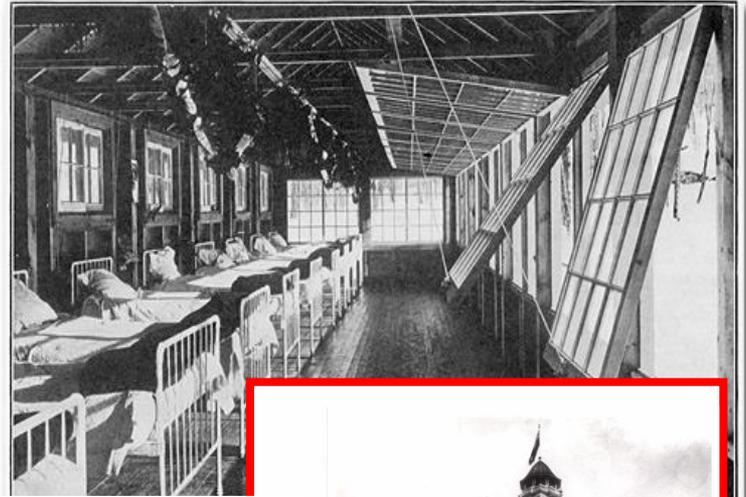
- communicable diseases & public health
- social class & health.



Alfred Stieglitz 1908
City of Toronto Archives, Photo L204, 1204, 1902



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“There is a rich man’s tuberculosis and a poor man’s tuberculosis ... the rich man recovers and the poor man dies.” (Dr. Norman Bethune)

1909 dynamic situation:

- some families move up the social ladder during the ‘Laurier boom years’!

- upward social mobility,
- ethnicity/ancestry,
- social layer/class.



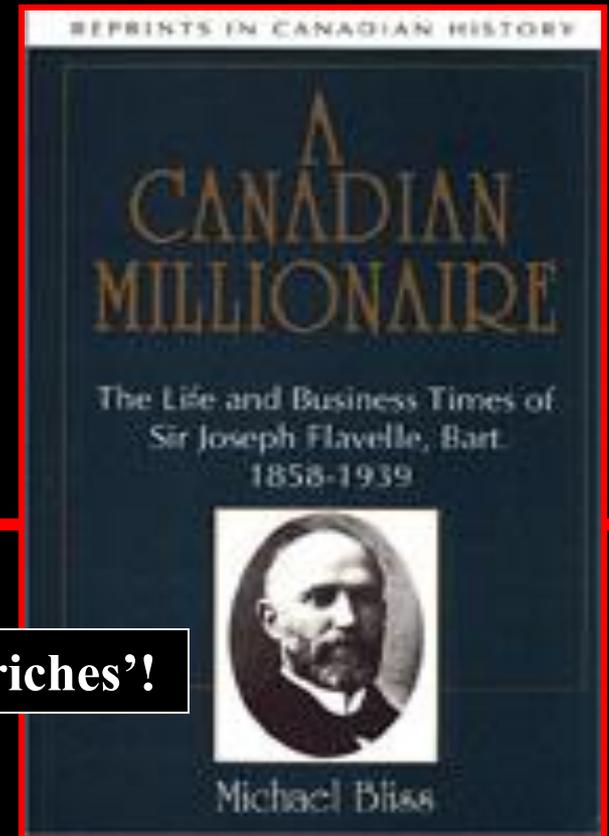
A drawing room inside Sir Henry Pellatt's *Casa Loma*

1910 dynamic situation:

- a story of ‘from rags to riches’ – a family is propelled into the ranks of the *nouveau riche*!

- ethnicity/ancestry,
- upward social mobility,
- concepts of perseverance, business savvy, & plain good fortune.

Joseph Wesley Flavelle – a story ‘from rags to riches’!



1911 dynamic situation:

- **an exercise in political decision-making**
 - **a pivotal federal election!**
 - gender, discrimination,
 - locality/region,
 - ethnicity/ancestry, discrimination,
 - political perspectives,
 - political party platforms.



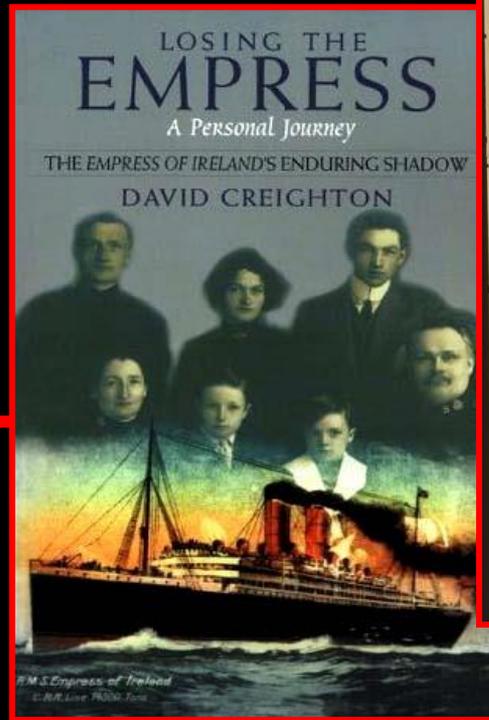
Sir Wilfrid 'on the stump' during the 'free trade' election of 1911

1914 dynamic situation:

- a close family friend dies in the sinking of the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence, May 29th!

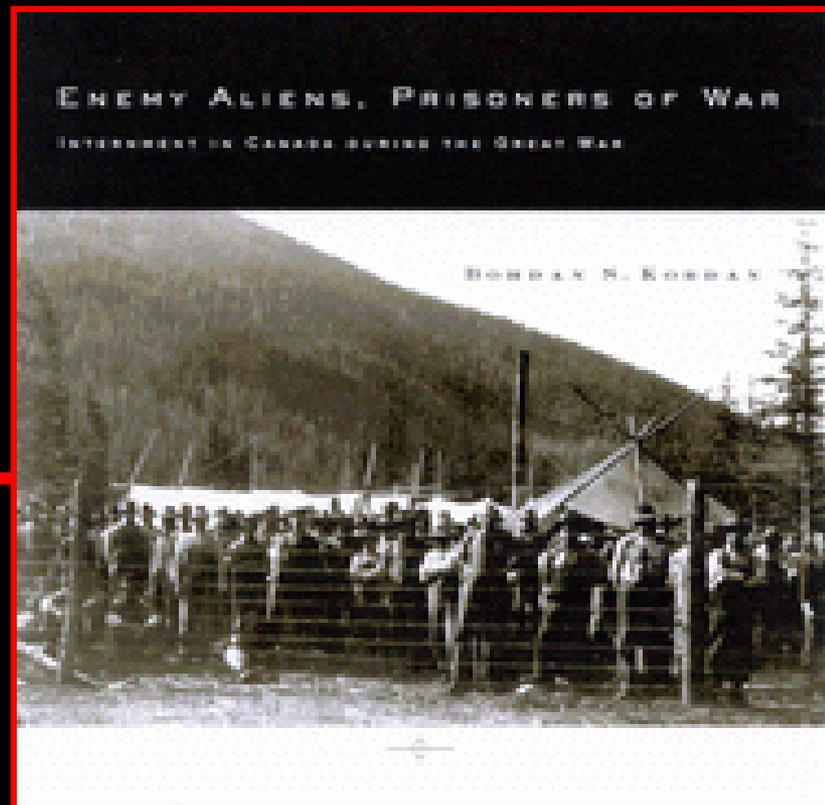
- social layer/class,
- ethnicity/ancestry.

... a forgotten Canadian maritime tragedy ...



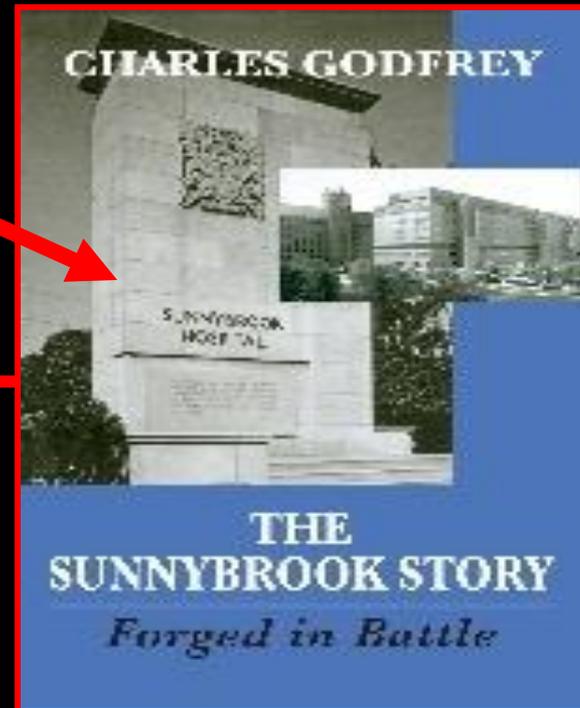
1915 dynamic situation:

- a person is labeled an “enemy alien” & is interned in a labour camp for the rest of the war!
 - ethnicity/ancestry,
 - impact of war on the ‘home front’



1915 dynamic situation:

- a cousin is gassed at the Battle of Ypres in April - & is disabled for life!
- the cost of war for even those who survive.



1916 dynamic situation:

- a brother dies in the Battle of the Somme!

- the human cost of trench warfare.



... the Somme/Beaumont - Hamel, July 1, 1916, & March 2008

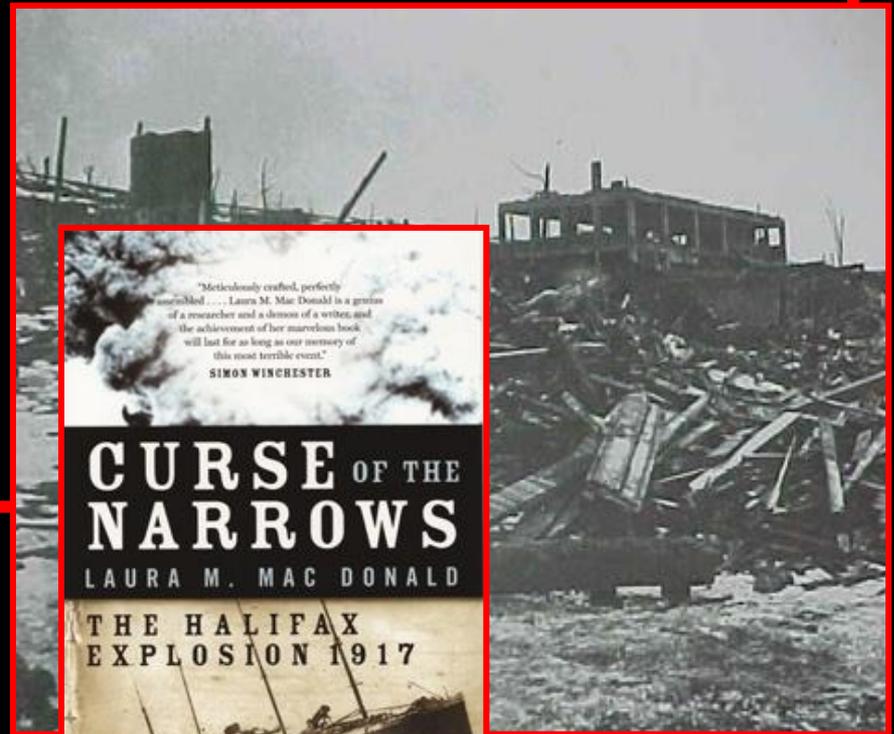


'danger tree'

1917 dynamic situation:

- a family is affected by the Halifax Explosion of December 7th!

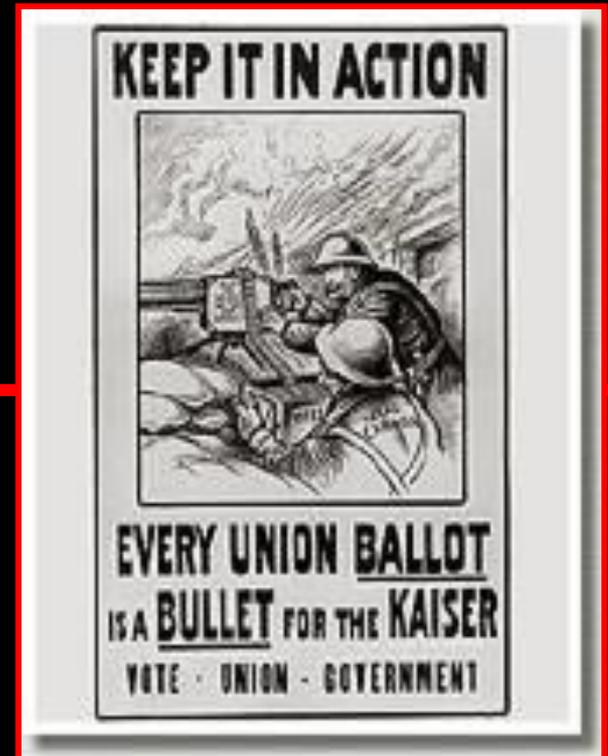
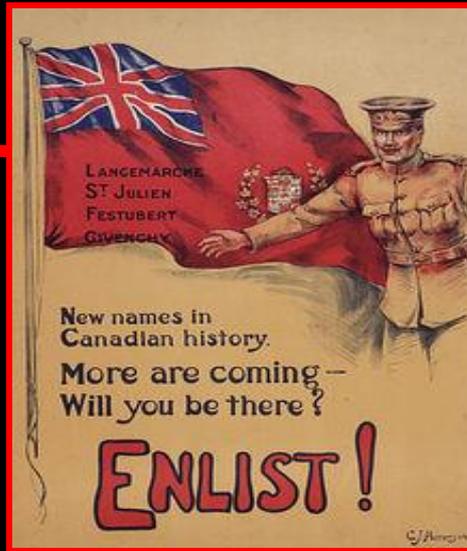
- locality/region,
- social layer/class,
- downward social mobility,
- the concept of human compassion & charity.



1917 dynamic situation:

- an exercise in political decision-making – a pivotal federal election!
 - gender, - locality/region,
 - social layer/class, -ethnicity/ancestry,
 - French-English relations,
 - concepts of propaganda, patriotism, pacifism, conscientious objectors.

... the conscription crisis of 1917!



1918 dynamic situation:

- a spouse – or a child – dies during the Spanish influenza pandemic!

- social layer/class,
- downward social mobility,
- evolution of Canada's public health care system.

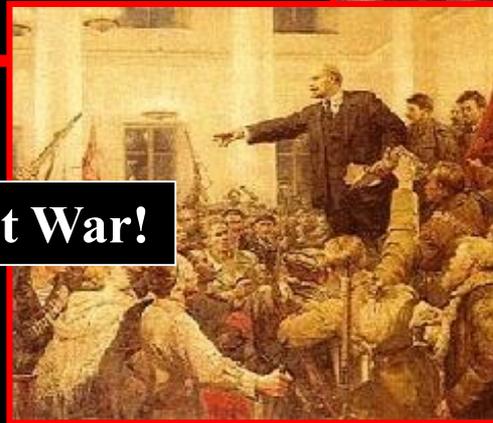


... more deaths than in the Great War, 1914-18!

1919 dynamic situation:

- soldiers return from the war with “wounds of the body/mind” – or, are posted to Russia & become embroiled in a violent revolution/civil war!

- social layer/class,
- ethnicity/ancestry,
- downward social mobility,



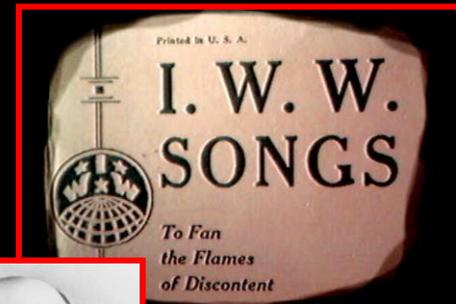
... legacies of the Great War!



1919 dynamic situation:

- a family becomes a victim of the “Red Scare” & xenophobia!

- ethnicity/ancestry,
- social layer/class,
- ethnic & political discrimination,
- downward social mobility.



... rumours that Vladimir Lenin was seen in Winnipeg, spring 1919!



1924 dynamic situation:

- some families experience the “roaring twenties”!

- locality/region,
- social layer/class,
- upward social mobility.

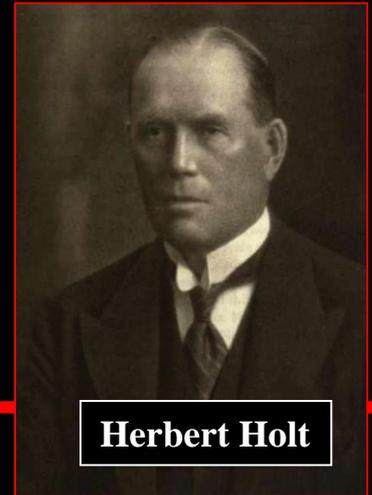
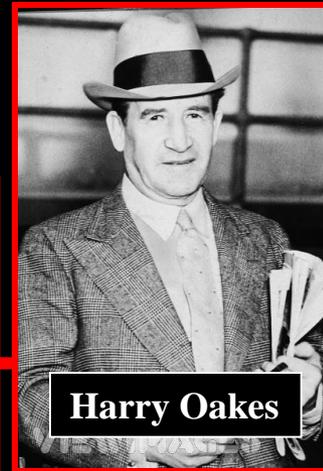
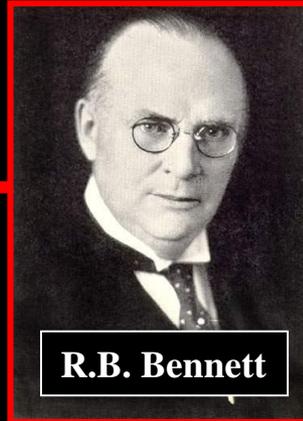
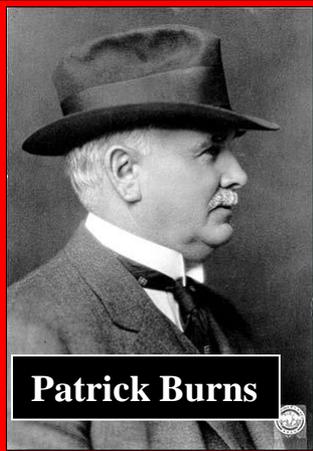
... Americanization, media, marketing & the rise of consumerism.



1925 dynamic situation:

- a family is propelled into the ranks of the nouveau riche during the “good bright days” of the 1920s !

- ethnicity/ancestry,
- upward social mobility.



1926 dynamic situation:

- a son or daughter moves south to the United States during the “age of wonderful nonsense” & becomes an example of the “gospel of success”!
 - ethnicity/ancestry,
 - upward social mobility,
 - the concept of “Americanization.”

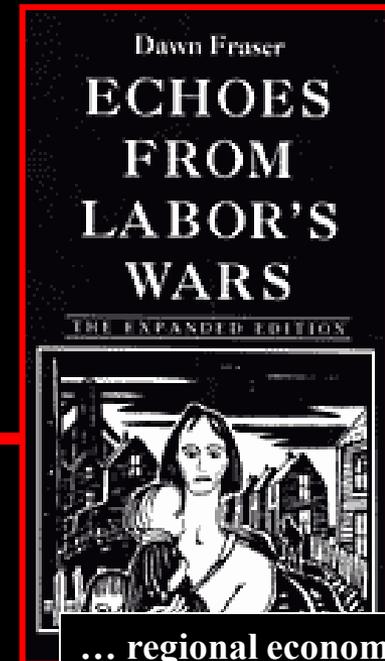
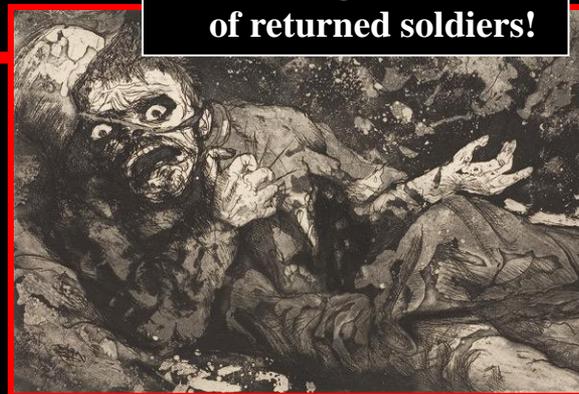


... Gladys Smith, a.k.a. Mary Pickford – “America’s Sweetheart”!

1927 dynamic situation:

- for some families, the 1920s are the “unroaring twenties”!

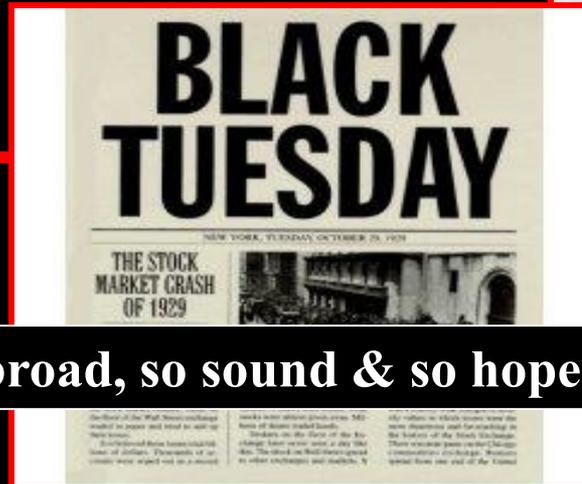
- locality/ancestry, - gender
- ethnicity/ancestry, - social layer/class,
- war veterans & their emotional/mental health,
- downward social mobility,



1929 dynamic situation:

- a family is devastated by the “Crash of '29”!

- social layer/class,
- downward social mobility.
- concepts of ‘buying-on-margin’ & ‘paper value.’



“... prosperity was so broad, so sound & so hopeful for the future”!

1931-35 dynamic situation:

- a son “rides the rods” ... relief camps ...
• “On-to-Ottawa Trek” ... & the Regina Riot
of July 1, 1935 ! - social layer/class,
- life of the young unemployed during
the Great Depression.



“... hungry men can hardly be blamed for refusing to starve quietly”!

1931 dynamic situation:

- a letter to one's m.p. expressing support for – or opposition to – the League of Nations imposing economic/trade sanctions on Japan for its military invasion of Manchuria!
- concept of collective security,
- national interests during economic “hard times.”



... the 1st test of collective security in 1930s.

1932 dynamic situation:

- **a man/husband/father loses his job!**

- social layer/class,
- downward social mobility,
- evolution of the ‘social safety net.’



“... ten lost years, 1929-1939”!



1933 dynamic situation:

- a couple loses a grandchild to a curable illness because the family cannot afford proper hospital & medical care!

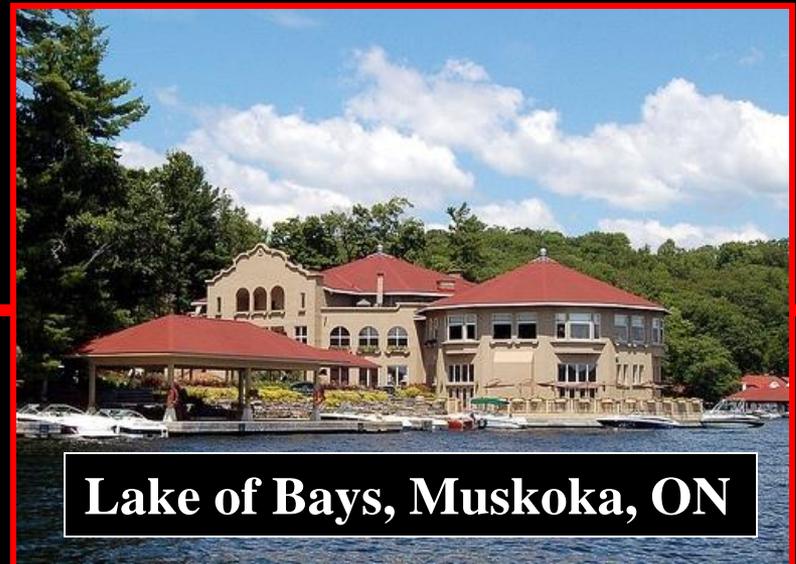
- locality/region, - social layer/class,
- downward social mobility,
- evolution of the public health care system.



“... there was no thought of going to the hospital, because there was no money!”

1934 dynamic situation:

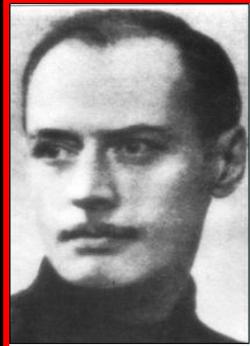
- families determine whether they can vacation for the month of July at either the **Banff Springs Hotel (AB)** or **Bigwin Inn (ON)**!
 - locality/region, - ethnicity/ancestry, - social layer/class.



1935 dynamic situation:

- an exercise in political decision-making – a pivotal federal election!

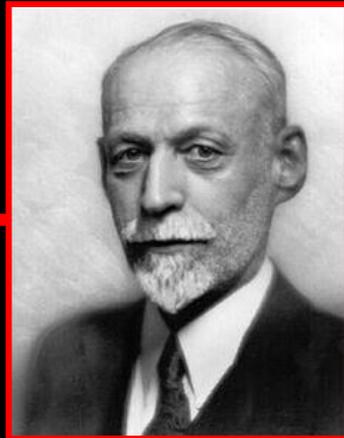
- locality/region, - social layer/class,
- ethnicity/ancestry, - concept of a social movement & ‘protest’ political parties.



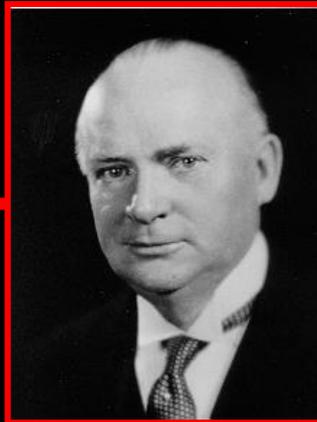
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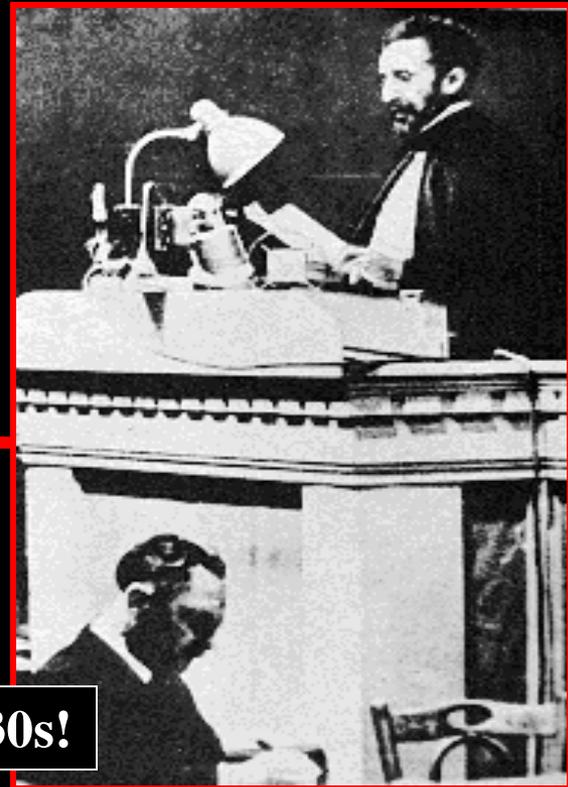
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1935 dynamic situation:

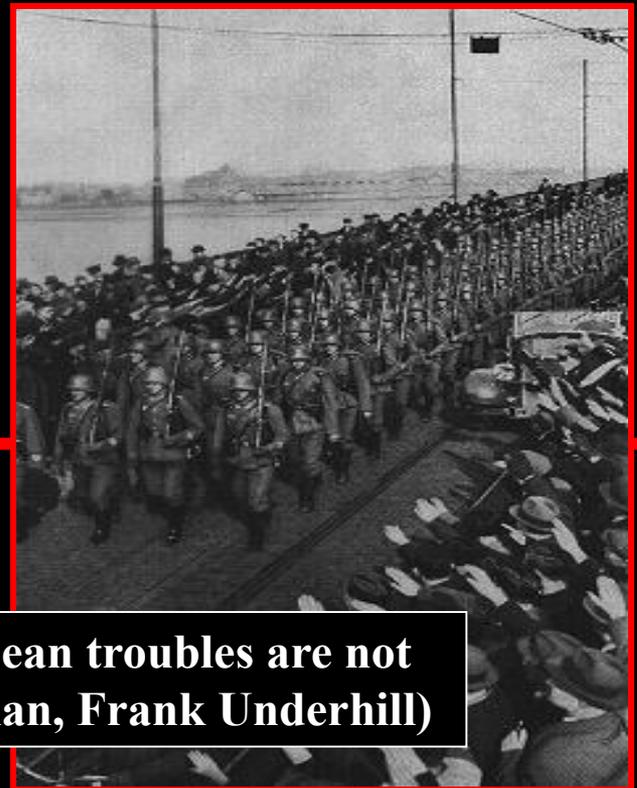
- a letter to one's m.p. expressing support for – or opposition to – Canada's role in the League of Nations debate over the Italian invasion of Abyssinia !
 - plurality of perspective,
 - concept of collective security.



... the 2nd test of collective security in 1930s!

1936 dynamic situation:

- a letter-to-the-editor expressing an opinion on Nazi Germany's militarization of the Rhineland – in violation of the 1919 Treaty of Versailles!
 - plurality of perspective.



“We must make it clear to the world ... that European troubles are not worth the bones of a Toronto grenadier!” (historian, Frank Underhill)

1937 dynamic situation:

- a son – or nephew – veteran of the **On-to-Ottawa Trek**, is killed in the Spanish Civil War! - concepts of political idealism & conflicting totalitarian ideologies.



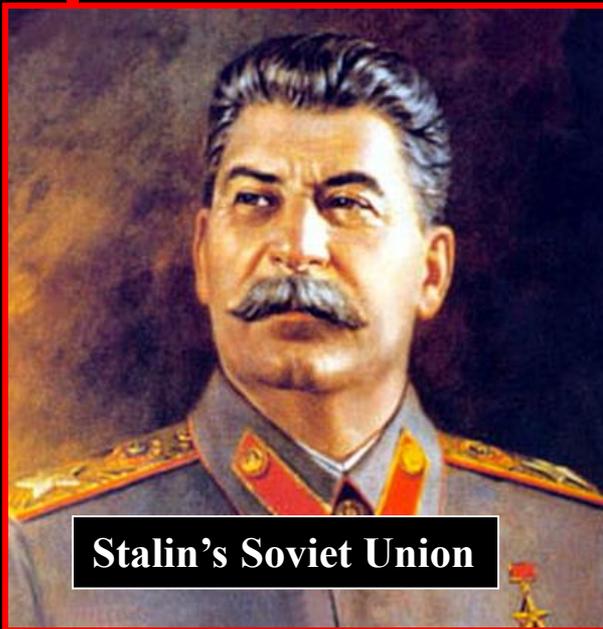
The Mac-Pap Battalion Monument in Ottawa.



Nearly 1600 Canadians – including Dr. Norman Bethune – volunteered to “fight fascism” during the Spanish Civil War & over 700 were killed in the struggle.

1933-38 dynamic situation:

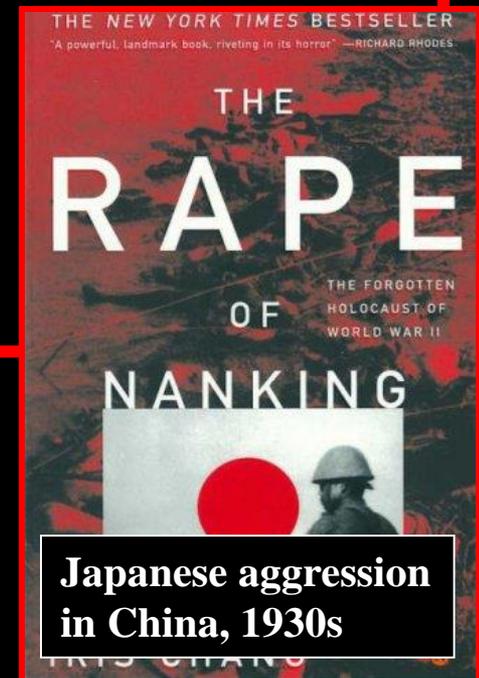
- an overseas relative of a family with a specific ethnicity, becomes a victim of political terror! - ethnicity/ancestry,
 - concepts of totalitarian ideologies & political terror.



Stalin's Soviet Union



Hitler's Nazi Germany

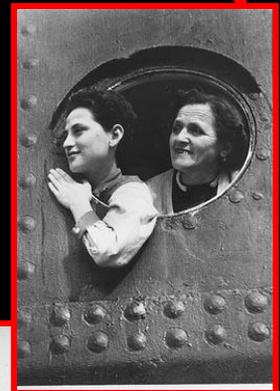
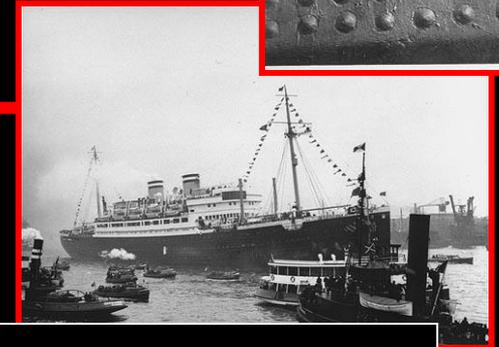


Japanese aggression in China, 1930s

1939 dynamic situation:

- a letter to one's m.p. expressing support for – or opposition to – the granting of sanctuary to a boat filled with Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany – the St. Louis affair.

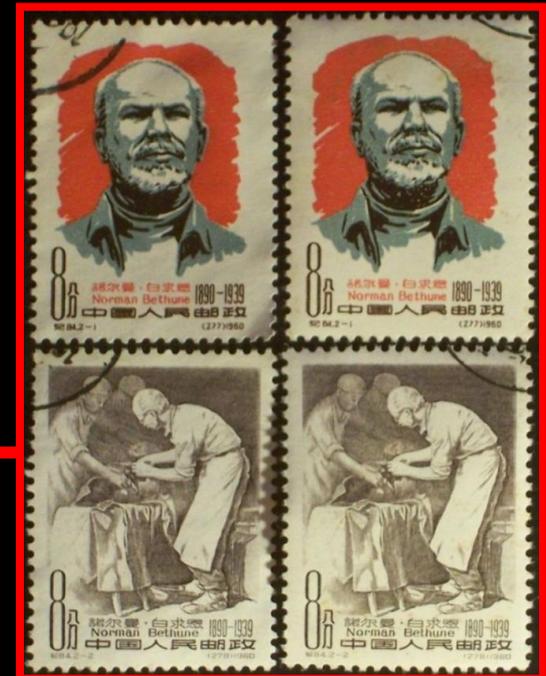
- plurality of perspective,
- concept of anti-Semitism.



A Canadian official on admitting Jewish refugees: "None is too many!"

1939 dynamic situation:

- the family who lost their son/nephew in the Spanish Civil War (1937 dynamic situation), learn in late November of the death of famed, Dr. Norman Bethune, in the Sino-Japanese war in northern China. - concepts of political idealism & humanitarianism.



1940 dynamic situation:

- a family member in the RCN on convoy duty in the north Atlantic is lost at sea during the Battle of the Atlantic.
 - the human cost of war.



1941 dynamic situation:

- a daughter – or niece – working in the war industries is selected as the “bren gun girl-of-the-year”!

- gender: role of women in the war effort.



1941 dynamic situation:

- a son – or nephew – with the Royal Rifles of Canada becomes a PoW in the Far East with the fall of Hong Kong to the Japanese Imperial Army on Christmas Day.
 - war, strategic decision-making, & the life of a PoW.



1942 dynamic situation:

- a family of Japanese ancestry living in BC, loses its material possessions & is forced to relocated to an isolated “Interior Housing Centre,” called New Denver, in the interior of the province.
- ethnicity/ancestry.
- realities of ‘total war’ in a democratic society.



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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person of the Japanese race found within any of the said prohibited areas without a written permit from the British Columbia Security Commission or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police shall be liable to the penalties provided under Order in Council P.C. 1665.

AUSTIN C. TAYLOR,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission

1942 dynamic situation:

- the federal plebiscite (*yes/oui or no/non*) of 27th April on the sending of conscripts overseas – an exercise in political decision-making during time of war.
 - French-English relations & national unity.
 - plurality of perspective.



Anti-conscription demonstration in Quebec

1942 dynamic situation:

- a son – or nephew – is captured during the Dieppe Raid on 19th August & becomes a PoW for the duration of the war.

- war, strategic
decision-making,
& the life of a PoW.



1942 dynamic situation:

- an enlisted son – or nephew – on an “express” troop train survives the horrific Christmas Almonte train crash but some Ottawa Valley families are dramatically affected!

- horrific & tragic events on the “home front.”



ALMONTE TRAIN CRASH
1942

70th Anniversary Memorial Tribute
DECEMBER 20, 2012

One of the worst train accidents in Canadian history occurred in Almonte on December 27th, 1942. A special train carrying Canadian soldiers for overseas service struck the rear of a stationary train crowded with holiday passengers, demolishing the three rear coaches. The number known to have died was 28 and more than 150 were injured.

7:45 PM Train Crash Memorial Site (Corner of Mill St. & Bridge St., Almonte)

7:45 PM Reception to follow at Almonte Old Town Hall

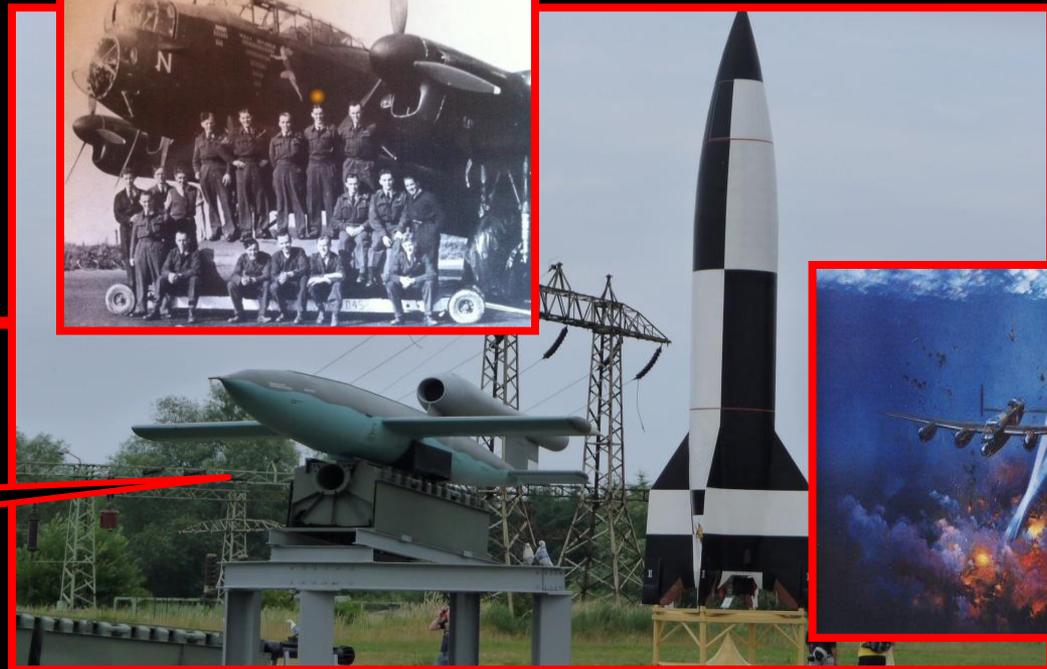
The reception will feature a performance by special guest storytellers, Ruth Stewart-Vergier & Donna Stewart, who have used a combination of research and first-hand information to develop their story of the Almonte Train Crash of 1942.

The North Lanark Historical Society and the Town of Mississippi Mills invite you to join us as we honour the victims and those who came to their rescue.

1943 dynamic situation:

- a son – or nephew – connected with RAF Bomber Command is lost on 17/18th August during a night raid on the German missile testing site at Peenemunde on the Baltic Sea.

- war & the technological “arms race.”



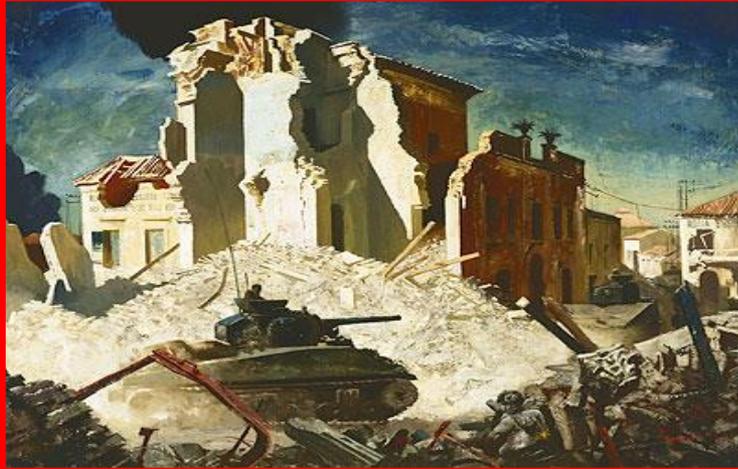
German V-1
& V-2 rockets

1943 dynamic situation:

- a son – or nephew – is severely wounded in the Battle of Ortona – “little Stalingrad” – in Italy on Christmas Day.

- war & the tactic
of “mouse holing.”

Canadian war artist, Charles Comfort, *Road to Ortona*



1944 dynamic situation:

- a son – or nephew – is killed by “friendly-fire” in a major tank battle in the “Falaise Gap” with the *Wehrmacht’s panzer* divisions in Normandy, France, in August.

- the reality of war.



1945 dynamic situation:

- a son – or nephew – in the RCN, is en route to the Far East “theatre of war” via the Suez Canal, when the Japanese cities of Hiroshima (6th August) and Nagasaki (9th August) are atomic-bombed – the Second World War is over!

- the advent of the “atomic age.”



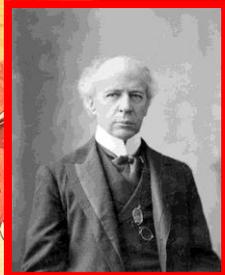
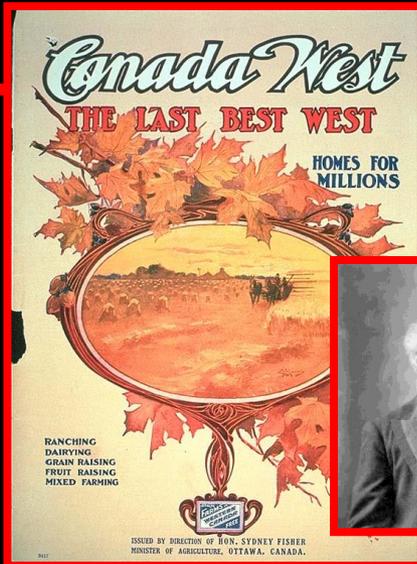
Hiroshima, August 6, 1945



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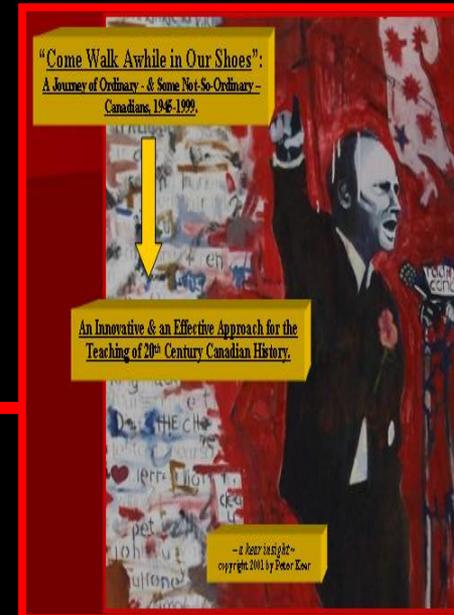
- with the end of World War Two & the coming of the Cold War, it is time to reflect – has life in Canada been good to me & my family over the years (1900-45)?

- plurality of perspective.



“Come Walk Awhile in Our Shoes”

In the post-1945 era, students take on new 1957 Personal Profiles (hence were born during World War Two) & they age through the 2nd half of the 20th century ...



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