

AN ALBERTA CHAMPION



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.B. Bennett'.

RICHARD BEDFORD (R.B.) BENNETT

1870-1947

Although he is remembered as the first prime minister from western Canada, R. B. Bennett hailed from New Brunswick and settled in Calgary in 1897. Within two years, the young lawyer won a seat in the Northwest Territories legislature. After the province of Alberta was created in 1905, Mr. Bennett led its opposition Conservatives before switching to federal politics in 1911. He entered cabinet in 1921 as minister of justice, and in 1927 he won the leadership of the Conservative Party. Bennett became Canada's eleventh prime minister in 1930.

Mr. Bennett's government put in place important social policies and institutions like the Bank of Canada, the Canadian Wheat Board, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. However, he had the misfortune to govern during the Great Depression, and Bennett's party was crushed at the polls in 1935. He retired to England and entered the House of Lords as Viscount Bennett.

Throughout his life, Bennett donated generously to help those in need. Bennett is remembered for leading Canada through the hardest years of the depression with courage and determination.



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