

TOWARDS A NATION: POLITICAL TRANSITIONS

Treaty of
Versailles

1919 -Canada independently signs the Treaty; Previously Britain would sign for us.
Canada is deserving because **many soldiers died in the war**.
-Obtain our own seat in League of Nations.

Chanak
Crisis

1922 -Britain sends troops into **Turkey** to keep control of Chanak (a port)
-For the first time, Canada refuses to automatically help Britain.
-Tells ambassador that Parliament will vote on issues to decide.



Halibut
Treaty

1923- Canada/US sign treaty to Protect Halibut/Fisheries on the Pacific Coast.
-Britain Protests. Usually **British Ambassador** in Washington would sign treaty for Canada.

“The King-
Byng Crisis”

1925 -Liberal PM, Mackenzie King is in a coalition with the Progressive Party.
-**Liquor Smuggling Scandal**.
-Progressives table a motion of Censure (PM would have to resign).
-King calls an Election to avoid being censured.
-Governor General Byng refuses, saying it would be unconstitutional.
-Byng eventually calls election.
-King campaigns on a nationalist platform
-Claims that it is **undemocratic** for a British official to refuse advice from the PM.
-King wins election.
-No GG since has acted against the wishes of the PM.

Imperial
Conference

-1926- Imperial Conference. (Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa)
-Dominions request **autonomy**, the freedom to govern themselves.
-Lord Balfour examines the request and reports that the demands are reasonable.

Balfour
Report
+ Statute of
Westminster

-1931- Balfour Report’s recommendations become law. (Law is called: **Statute of Westminster**)
-Dominions can now make all of their own laws
-RESULT:
-Canada now equal status to Britain; can make its own laws.
-Instead of colonies, Br. Territories are known as “Commonwealth”

TOWARDS A NATION: CULTURAL TRANSITIONS

Distinct
Canadian Art

-1920 – Group of Seven held exhibition in Toronto that broke with traditional Canadian art.
-Paint the Canadian landscape with bold strokes and brilliant colours.
-“In their work the spirit of young Canada has found itself”
-Shows we are forming an identity.

DEPENDENCY ALERT!!! (P. 57 & 63 – List ways Canada =- Dependant on USA)

-USA = economic powerhouse after WW1. Invests in Canada (therefore ownership)
-They import from us – what can they spend a lot of money here (dictate to Canada)
-Branch Plants – Businesses owned by states, operated in Canada --- bad because funnels all profits back to the USA, without leaving anything in Canada. – Helps avoid paying Canadian taxes.
-USA owns most of Canada’s oil, machinery and chemical, rubber and electrical companies.
Communications: Hard to compete with USA Culture etc. Radio from USA—more listened to. Movies from USA. – Canadians who want to act have to go to Hollywood.