

During the twelve months ending August 31, 1934, Canada's external trade was \$978,605,274. less than during the last year the Mackenzie King government was in power. (Hansard, March 29, 1935, p. 2417).

In 1934 the number of individuals given direct relief was in proportion with that loss in trade:

Month	number of individuals	cost
January	1,283,966	\$ 6,681,438.
February	1,270,599	6,958,850.

Those figures are in the last report of the Dominion Commissioner of Unemployment Relief, dated March 31, 1934.

Canada under Mr. Bennett's policies has gone a long way since there were 117,930 unemployed in September 1930.

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Due to the Bennett high tariff policies and according to the official returns, the loss in <u>Canada's external trade</u> during each one of the last five years has averaged one billion dollars a year or \$3,000,000. daily, excepting Sundays. (Hansard, March 29, 1935, p. 2420).

The loss in our domestic trade has been in the same proportion. (Hansard, June 6, 1934, p. 4030-4033).

To quote Mr. Bennett's own words in his broadcast of 1933 from London to Canada and the United States:

> "No permanent improvement can be secured (4) unless, consistent with our national economic system, the channels of international trade are cleared." (CANADA, July 8, 1933).

Although the report of the Dominion Director of Unemployment Relief for the last fiscal year has not yet been tabled, we have got official figures from the Labour Department showing the total number afforded direct relief and the cost of same during that period.

1934	Number	Cost
April	1,237,449	\$ 6,851,962.
May	1,209,465	6,586,004.
June	1,041,125	5,574,570.
July	984,789	5,182,379.
August	977,587	5,297,812.
September	930,170	5,217,604.
October	1,051,085	6,177,052.
November	1,063,506	7,479,093.
December	1,138,036	6,741,183.
1935		
January	1,200,296	7,699,826.
February	1,286,013	7,310,940.
March	1,258,421	7,642,242.

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