

Dealing with Post-War Challenges

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Government Actions after World War I

Bringing Troops Home

- soldiers did not start coming home until Jan. 1919
 - bad weather → railways worn out
 - jobs scarce (delayed them on purpose)
- riots broke out in camps in the Spring, 1919
- all were home by the end of the summer, 1919

Recession

- many people unemployed
 - factories making munitions shut down
 - few new factories opened
- returning soldiers flooded the job market
- wages dropped
- peacetime goods in short supply so prices went up

Hard Times for Veterans

- veterans demanded a \$2000 bonus to make up for wages they lost while away at war; the government refused
- government gave veterans and widows ~~very little help~~ **very little help**
- unemployment high

Spanish Flu Epidemic

- killed 25 million people world wide (more than the war did) and 50,000 Canadians

