**Who Was To Blame For The Regina Riot?**

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The Rioters are to be blamed for the Regina Riot in 1935. Firstly, some of the boys have been stealing goods, getting caught by the police. *“Some of the boys had gotten into a little trouble, stealing goods from stores, theft by night into local areas of Regina”* (Primary Source #9). This proves and infers that when the rioters went stealing, they must have stolen goods from markets and then, locals noticed that goods have been taken away and they weren’t all that kind, and they started reporting that to the police. This way, the police started charging at them and therefore, they jumped them. Secondly, they should be blamed because the way their actions lead to riots. *“Planning demonstrations in the city which might result in riots”* (Primary Source #7). *“Strikers were making clubs and preparing for battle with the police as well as the Prime Minister”* (Primary Source #7). *“Strikers were preparing to make some desperate move”* (Primary Source #7). This states that in all of these three quotes that strikers were committing dangerous activities in which the police and the Prime Minister thought that this would result in not only a dangerous riot but a huge protest. Thirdly, they should be blamed because they are making further disturbances in the city of Regina. *“Without these disturbances, it is easier to negotiate with the men for their return to the camps or to their homes”* (Primary Source #7). This tells us that when men are arriving to their homes and camps from work, they don’t need to deal with this riot in the middle and/or get involved in this riot and chaos. Overall, the rioters are to be criticized for the Regina Riot in 1935.

The Government is to be blamed for the Regina Riot in 1935. Firstly, the government ordered the police have caused lots of violence as well as the use of weapons to the trekkers during the Regina Riot. *“He shoved and closed in on me as well as pinned my arms to my side”* (Primary Source #4). *“A man was held down with his arms pinned and one police officer kicked him”* (Primary Source #5). *“The Mounted Policeman hit me here in the head and in the mouth”* (Primary Source #5). All these three quotes states that the police officers made a mistake physically (kicking, punching, grabbing, etc.) abuse the trekkers severely by mistreating the civilians and not following the government policies making it extensively bad for Canada. Secondly, Bennett falsely accused the trekkers without even listening to them. *“Bennett made his position immediately and he attacked the leaders as radicals and troublemakers”* (Secondary Source #4). This states that Bennett without a reason as well as without even listening to their opinion, he randomly just denounced and fought the protestors in the Regina Riot. The protestors thought that Bennett would listen to their opinions, but he simply just ignored them with no explanation left behind. Thirdly, the police were shooting at people’s property during the Regina Riot, causing damage to the city. *“He was firing his gun at what I believed was a garage door on the other side of the street”* (Primary Source #5). This tells us that when the police were firing at the garage door, it causes physical damage to that property in the city of Regina, becoming very costly and destructive. Overall, the government is to be incriminated for the Regina Riot in 1935.

In my opinion, I think that the government is to be blamed for the Regina Riot in 1935. They should be blamed because Bennett ignored their perspective without any reason (randomly accusing), and he ordered police officers to falsely accuse them harshly even though the men just wanted to speak with the government personally about the change that they want during the depression. Although some of the boys went stealing, at night and those who did got punished harshly by the police, in which what they did was unethical but that doesn’t mean that the police need to severely destroy people’s personal property like they shoot someone’s garage door and physically assault them. Even though the trekkers just wanted to help the PM (Prime Minister) what depression they are in, and want a change, that doesn’t mean that they are creating any sort of riot, the fact they just have a different perspective on the economy. It isn’t the governments job to always focus mainly on the Regina Riot. That can be focused through a local government. Overall, we should remember this event as a bloody, violent war due to the fact that few people died but hundreds of people were injured. This event can be memorialized by the government writing an apology letter that how it was a horrible idea to set violence to all the trekkers that wanted a change in the government. Overall, the government is to be criticized for the Regina Riot in 1935.

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