

# **Winnipeg General Strike**

## **360 Tour Video**

- 1) How many workers walked off the job for this strike?
- 2) Describe the housing conditions you can see in this video from the early 1900s. (you'll need to pan around to see them.)
- 3) Why would a factory owner be hostile to unions?

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- 1) Why were veterans such as Fred Dixon angry upon their return home from the war?
- 2) Why do you think that there would be so much unemployment after the war?
- 3) Name the groups of workers who start the Winnipeg General Strike. What is it that they want?
- 4) Who was keen on the idea of the General Strike? How could this be an obstacle for unions in Canada?
- 5) List who walked off the job when the strike began.
- 6) Explain how employers and government reacted to the strike. (This is a long answer...there are lots of things the government and business leaders do to combat the strike).
- 7) Who organizes a silent parade and why is it done?
- 8) Describe how the silent parade became a violent confrontation.
- 9) Explain why Fred Dixon ends up in court and what he implores the jury to do.
- 10) What happens to Canadians involved in the strike when it is over?