

Student Knowledge Hunt – The Railway Questions

As an introductory activity to the *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta* web site, please take five to ten minutes to become familiar with the site and answer the specific questions you have been provided with.

1. When was Sir William Van Horne born?
2. Where did Van Horne work when he was only 14 years old?
3. What was Van Horne's first act of business when he took over the CPR?
4. What did V.H. Secretan, CPR engineer and surveyor, call Van Horne?
5. In what year did Van Horne accept an honorary knighthood?
6. What did William Pearce study before becoming a surveyor?
7. What were two of Pearce's main concerns when he worked for the CPR?
8. What new national system did Pearce help to create?
9. What forced the government to reconsider Pearce's theories of irrigation in the late 1880s?
10. Pearce's ideas on irrigation were not accepted until after his death. When did he die?