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**Socials Studies 9 Unit 4 The Many Wests**

## **4B Northwest Rebellion**

### **References:**

Horizons (text)

Canada: A Peoples' History (video)

### **Useful Website:**

History of the Northwest Rebellion

<http://members.memlane.com/gromboug/P5NWReb.htm>



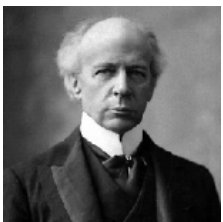
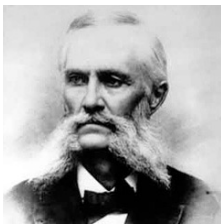
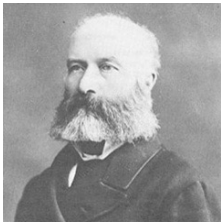
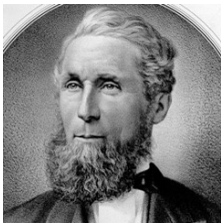
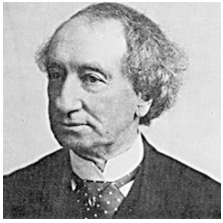
ARTILLERY IN ACTION AGAINST METIS AT FISH CREEK

**Read Horizons Ch. 5, p. 181--193 and complete notes to answer the following questions**

1. How did the Canadian government intend to use land sales to pay for the CPR? Did they consult with the Metis?
2. In the early 1880s, did the Metis actually wish to rebel against the Canadian government?
3. As the cost of building the CPR mounted between 1882 and 1885, what did the government do? Was government aid to Native peoples equal (did they deny aid to some Natives)?
4. What did the Metis do during this time to help starving Native peoples?
5. What was Louis Riel doing in the summer of 1884? Who invited him to return as leader?
6. What was the Metis Bill of Rights? Who wrote it? How was it similar to the American Declaration of Independence? Did the Bill only address the concerns of the Metis?
7. In early 1885, what opportunity did the Canadian government see in a rebellion in the Northwest? In March, 1885, which forces did the Canadian government use (close to the Metis settlements in the Northwest)?

8. Why did Riel decide to take up arms against the Canadian government in March, 1885?
  
9. Who fought at the battle of Duck Lake? Who won?
  
10. How many Canadian troops were sent (in total) to the Northwest by April 1885?
  
11. What were the odds (Canadian militia versus Metis) at Batoche, in May, 1885? How long did the Battle of Batoche last? What happened to the two Metis leaders after Batoche?
  
12. During the time of the rebellion, how did the Canadian government view the Native peoples?
  
13. After Batoche, what did the Canadian government charged Riel with? How did Riel's lawyers want him to plea? Who made up Riel's jury (what was their background)? What did Riel accuse the Canadian government with in his address to the jury?
  
14. What was Riel's sentence (punishment)? Who opposed this sentence as too harsh? Were the other Metis leaders punished similarly?
  
15. Do you think the Metis were justified in fighting the Northwest Rebellion of 1885? How do you think Macdonald justified executing Riel? (*justified* means "proving something right")

16. Take a few **brief** notes on each of these persons as they relate to the history of the Northwest. Your teacher will guide you through this in class, but you could also do it on your own.





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<— Troops on the march, North West Rebellion, Qu'Appelle Valley, 1885



CPR train

## Any other notes on the Northeast Rebellion?

## The Arrival of Steel

Read Horizons Ch. 5, p. 194-202 and complete notes to answer the following questions

17. Why did John A. Macdonald feel that a railway had to be built quickly? Who did he want to build the railway?

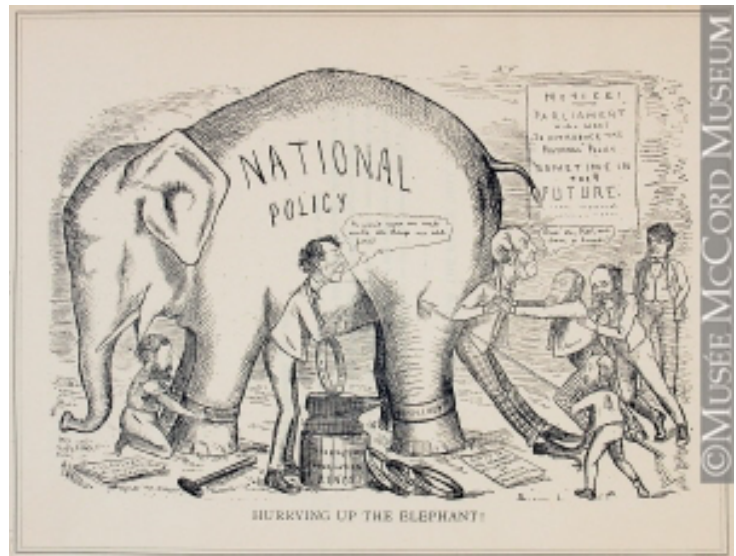
18. What were Hugh Allan's terms for building the railway (what did he want)?

19. What was the Pacific Scandal?

20. Define "political corruption"

21. What was the Liberal government of Alexander Mackenzie's attitude towards building the railway? Did they allow the Pacific survey to continue?

22. Provide some detailed notes on the National Policy. Mention how it dealt with development, rail, tariffs, protecting industries, and settlement



23. Who formed the new CPR syndicate in 1880 (what types of people and who were they)? What is a syndicate? What were they promised by Macdonald?

24. Why did the syndicate decide to move the railway line to the southern prairies? How could they justify this choice? What was the problem with the new southern route?

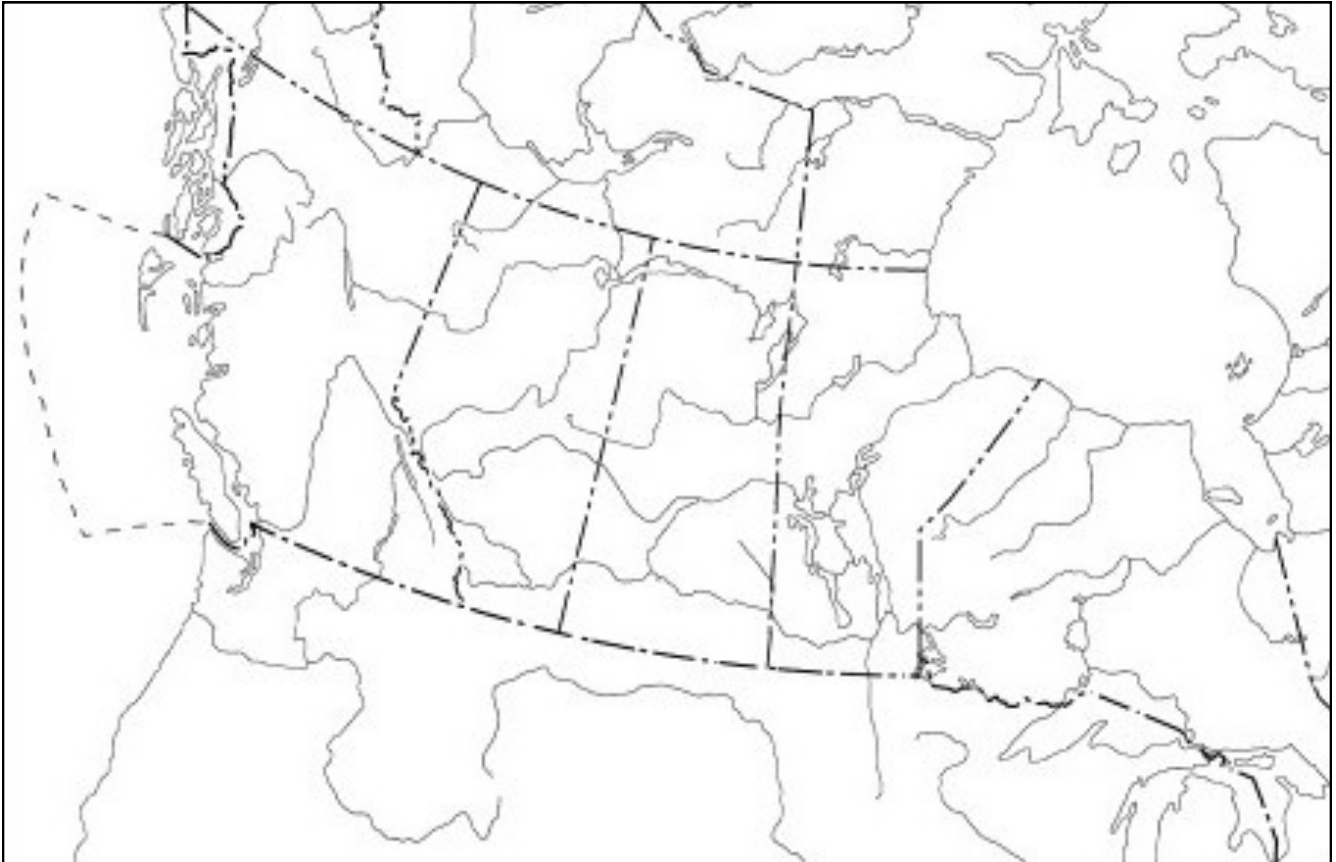
25. Who of the following was appointed new general manager of the CPR in 1881? What was his nationality? Why did he use wooden trestles?

26. What was the biggest problem facing the CPR in 1883? What part of the line was completed by then? What was the government forced to do?

27. Who was the surveyor who found a route through the Selkirk Mountains?

28. What were wages like for CPR workers? Did they have to pay for their food? What were working conditions like? What happened when they were injured?

29. Use this map to show the final route of the CPR, the location of the Northwest Rebellion, and any other locations of importance to go along with the topics you are learning about.



30. What was the problem with the “grade” of the CPR line through the Kicking Horse Pass?

31. What event saved the CPR from financial ruin?

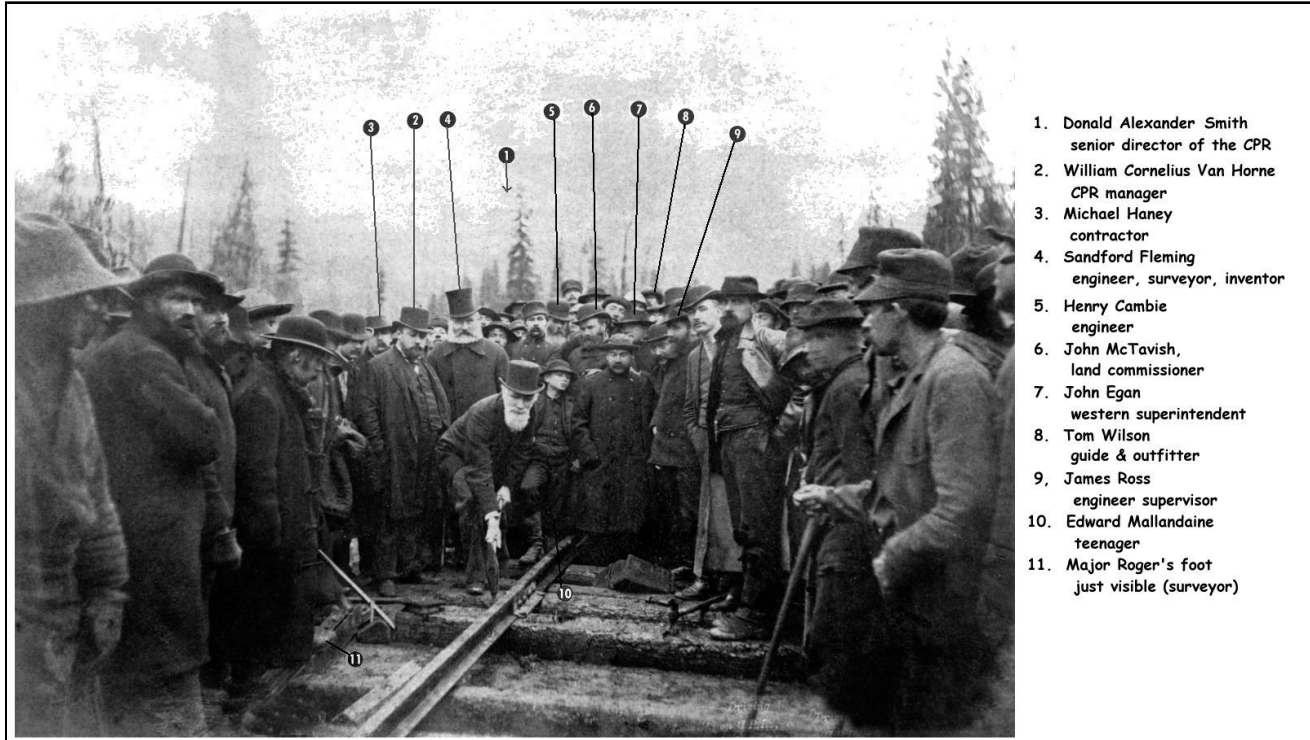
32. When was the CPR finished? Was it on schedule? Who drove in the “last spike?” Where?

33. When the CPR was used to transport troops to the Northwest in early 1885 were there any gaps in the line? Where?

34. What major geographical obstacles did the builders of the CPR face in the West and in the east (near Lake Superior)? How did they overcome these barriers?



35. Can you think of some reasons why the photograph below might be considered one of the most important in Canadian history?



36. Can you think about other barriers to the construction of rail in Canada? Do you have any other questions about the CPR and this time period in history?

37. Use the map on the previous page to show roughly where the treaty areas were.