

What year was Port Pemberton founded?

- a) 1910
- b) 1914
- c) 1858
- d) 1797

C) Port Pemberton was founded in 1858 as part of the Harrison-Lillooet gold rush trail and named for Joseph D. Pemberton. This was the first public works project on the mainland and taxes were collected to build the route.

When did settlers from Port Moody arrive in Pemberton?

- a) 1801
- b) 1886
- c) 1966
- d) 1944

B) Settlers from eastern Canada were coaxed west by promises of rich farmland and easy profits and took the CP Railway to Port Moody. Many made their way north to Pemberton due to the rich soils and cheap land.

What Declaration was made in 1911?

- a) James Douglas declared free land for all people in B.C.
- b) Canada declared B.C. a province.
- c) The railway to the north was declared open.
- d) The Lillooet Tribe declared an assertion of sovereignty over traditional territories.

D) The Declaration of the Lillooet Tribe is an important document in the history of relations between First Nations and the Provincial and Federal governments. Signed in Spences Bridge on May 10, 1911 by 13 chiefs of the St'at'imc peoples, taken down by anthropologist James Teit, it is an assertion of sovereignty over traditional territories as well as a protest against recent alienations of land by settlers.

When did the first train arrive in Pemberton?

- a) 1914
- b) 1919
- c) 1896
- d) 1956

A) The first train arrived in Pemberton on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1914. The Pacific Great Eastern (P.G.E) became the lifeline for Pemberton residents and enabled farmer's to ship products to market.

Which school, built in 1915, was the first school in Pemberton?

- a) Birken School
- b) Pemberton Station School
- c) Signal Hill
- d) Pemberton Meadows School

D) The first school, a one-room school, built by local residents, opened at the J. Ronayne farm in the upper valley.

Which is the oldest organization in Pemberton, formed in 1925?

- a) Pemberton Board of Trade
- b) Pemberton Farmer's Institute
- c) Pemberton Women's Institute
- d) Pemberton Co-operative Association

B) Pemberton has been a farming community since it was settled and the Farmer's Institute was the first volunteer organization. It promoted conditions of rural life so that settlement could be permanent and prosperous.

True or False?

Pemberton Station School opened in 1950.

**False**, the Pemberton Station School opened in 1929 when residents began to settle near the P.G.E. train station.

True or False?

John Decker was crowned Potato King in 1937.

**True**, John won awards at the Chicago Fair in potatoes and field peas so frequently he was banned from competing for three years.

When did the Big Flood occur?

- a) 1984
- b) 2003
- c) 1940
- d) 1992

C) The Flood of 1940 forced many settlers out of the valley as fall crops were ruined, leaving families with little choice other than to move on.

What did the P.F.R.A. do?

- a) Flood control & drainage
- b) Create Potato growing regulations
- c) Built the Pemberton Hotel

A) The Prairie Farmer's Rehabilitation Act (P.F.R.A.) was used to provide Federal and Provincial funding to reclaim farm lands in Pemberton through drainage and dyking infrastructure.

What is Agerton?

- a) a great town
- b) Pemberton's first subdivision in 1911
- c) near Patenaude's corner
- d) all of the above

D) Agerton was subdivided from the John Currie farm lands (D.L. 164) in 1911 by the railway development company.

Purchasers were promised big returns as it was believed the railway would go this way and continue up the Meadows through Railway Pass (the Hurley).

The Village of Pemberton was incorporated in?

- a) 1914
- b) 1929
- c) 1956
- d) 1958

C) Happy Birthday to the Village of Pemberton who turns 60 this year.



Pictured above are (l-r) Max Roy, Phillip Perkins, Ernie Cooper, Norma Rivett and Warren Taillefer — the 1966 Village Council.  
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