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DAWSON CITY RELIVES ITS GOLD RUSH DAYS

DAWSON CITY -- THE CITY OF GOLD -- STEEPED IN GOLDEN
LEGENDS OF THE PAST AND WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE
CELEBRATES DISCOVERY DAY

Dawson City, Yukon, Aug., 1961

Dawson City, the fabulous city which sprang up
almost overnight when word reached the outside world of the
discovery of gold Aug. 17th, 1896, on Bonanza Creek, celebrates
DISCOVERY DAY each year.

Situated at the mouth of the Klondike River, with
the mighty Yukon sweeping passed its front door, it is a
picturesque town, where the visitor can see many of the famous
old landmarks and buildings of the gold rush era standing, side by
side, with new and modern structures. Behind the town, rises the
Midnight Dome, accessible by a good road. From atop the town is a
wonderful view of the purple, snow-clad mountain ranges in the
distance and a panorama of all the famous old mining creeks --
Bonanza, Hunker, Dominion, the Klondike, spread out before the
eyes like a gigantic fan, and which have yielded more than
\$400,000,000 in gold in the past fifty years.

Visitors to the city can see the relics of the past
-- the old locomotives; KENO, one of the old sternwheelers whose
paddles beat the waters of the Yukon in days gone by and which is
now being repaired for touristic use; some of the former hotels and
dance halls which catered to the miners of the early days and where
fortunes were lost or won on the turn of a card; the original cabin
of Robert Service, the Bard of the North; and the cemetery in which
many of the R.C.M.P. (and those in the force under its original
name of the North West Mounted Police) who brought law and order
to the North, were buried.

An old dredge used in gold mining and the "tailings"
of earth left behind from this can be seen, as well as a new dredge
used in present day gold mining operations. An old sourdough is
seen panning for gold -- a system which tourists are welcome to
try along these famous creeks and streams.

Two of the highlights of the celebration are the re-enactment on the stage of the Community Hall of THE SHOOTING OF DAN MCGREW, made famous by Robert Service; and the parade with local people dressed in authentic costumes of the Days of '98, oldtimers -- members of the Yukon Order of Pioneers -- marching along and all set to spin tales of the golden past, and the old fire truck called THE PRIDE OF DAWSON CITY '98.

Dawson City of today is proud of its rollicking, roistering past, but looks ahead to a bright future founded on more durable prospects.

The Yukon is still relatively unprospected -- more than 25 different minerals have been discovered and of these ten have been produced -- gold, silver, lead, zinc, cadmium, copper, coal, tungsten, platinum and antimony. There is, also, a tremendous potential in asbestos and oil.



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1. LS Dawson City with river and mountains in background, pan left to right across city
2. LS across river, ferry leaving
3. LS tourist in foreground looking across river to city
4. HAMS ferry crossing river (Yukon River)
5. MCU ferry boat
6. MCU pilot cabin on ferry boat
7. LS ferry to shoreline
8. MLS plane flying left to right across city
9. HALS city and shoreline
10. MS old building - Winauts Store
11. MCS old building - Red Feather Saloon
12. MCS sign on Yukon Hotel
13. MS old building
14. MS old building
15. MS old locomotive.
16. MS old locomotive
17. MLS three old locomotives and tourists
18. MCSLA train funnels of old locomotive in cloudy sky
19. MS female tourists, old building in background near Robert W. Service cabin
20. MS sign - "Robert W. Service  
Original cabin where he wrote his famous poems  
Erected 1899"
21. MS tourists in garden of Service's cabin
22. MS girls entering balcony of Service's cabin
23. MS St. Andrews Church
24. CU sign - St. Andrews Church 1901
25. MS cemetery
26. CU RCMP headstones
27. MCS pan down to abandoned dredge
28. MLS pan across tailings left behind after dredging process used in olden days
29. MLS modern dredge at work
30. MS dredge in action, buckets going up bucket ladder
31. CU buckets going up
32. MS men working controls
33. HALS part of dredge with unwanted material being returned to river
34. MS man in control room

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35. HAMS bucket ladder going up, workman standing alongside
36. CU bucket ladder
37. MCU foreman
38. HALS Bonanza Creek, pan left to right along creek
39. MS man washing gold on small slew
40. CU slew - washing
41. MS scaffolding around old sternwheeler being repaired
42. MS man hammering on deck of old sternwheeler
43. MS man scraping off paint on old sternwheeler
44. MS man painting old sternwheeler
45. MS close-up of sign KENO on sternwheeler being repaired with man going down staircase
46. MS tourist on deck taking photograph
47. MS group being photographed
48. LS seaplane taking off and flying overhead, mountains in background
49. LS flying over mountains
50. LS ferry crossing river
51. MS flags on Bonanza Hotel
52. MCU two old timers in street
53. MS interior - scene from play SHOOTING OF DAN MCGREW - gambling table
54. MS same as above, dice being rolled
55. MS barmaid handing out drinks
56. MCU same
57. MCU pan down from man's face to gun
58. MCU old timer with money on table
59. MS Dan McGrew with gun
60. CU man shooting Dan
61. CU Dan falls to floor
62. CU old timer watching
63. MS Lady Lou and Dan
64. MS audience applauding act
65. CU girl watching
66. LAMS ceiling lamp (old type)
67. MCU elderly lady looking at old pictures
68. MS exterior of hotel with old couple in fancy dress of pioneer days, pan up to sign "Y.O.O.P. Pioneer Hall"



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69. CU pioneer waving hat
70. MCU two pioneers with unusual hats, flags in background
71. MCU pioneer aiming gun at camera
72. MCU old man and boy
73. CU pioneer
74. MCU little boy in prospector's costume
75. MS firemen on fire truck
76. MS group of women on old wagon
77. CU tourist on above
78. MS attractive girl dressed in oldtime clothing, looking into camera
79. CU sign "THE PRIDE OF DAWSON CITY F.D. 1898"
80. MS two girls on old firetruck (1898)
81. MCU same as above - girls winking at camera
82. MS R.C.M.P. leading Discovery Day Parade through streets, followed by band
83. MS spectators on street
84. MS majorettes in parade
85. MCS Y.O.O.P. men walking passed camera
86. MS tractor pulling firetruck with two girls aboard
87. MS bathing beauties on truck
88. MS couple in old car passed camera, followed by bus with Cooks Tour sign on it.