



## Mackenzie & District Museum Film Collection

**The Gold Rush Trail - Past, Present, and Future:** 18 min 30 sec.

**Percy Gray's Flight:** 12 min.

Aerial footage (colour film, no sound).

**Anonymous (1986). Mackenzie's 20th anniversary:** 28 min.

Raw film footage (colour, with sound) from May 1986 of the Mackenzie Tree Crusher Park dedication ceremony with Ray Williston; Mackenzie's 20th anniversary parade down Mackenzie Boulevard; celebration dinner at the Kin Hut; Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Trade Show; and tour around town.

**Anonymous (1992). Town of Mackenzie promotional video:** 20 min.

This promotional video is an overview of Mackenzie in the 1990s. It showcases the Mackenzie Centre Mall, the mills, wilderness and wildlife, as well as our buildings and amenities.

**Anonymous (1994). 2150 Task Force meeting, speaker Ray Williston.:** 2 h 20 min.

Ray Williston, former BC Minister of Lands, Forest, and Water during the years leading up to and during the building of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam, discusses the history of power development in northern BC through a series of questions and answers. This discussion was the focus of a Task

Force 2150 meeting held in Mackenzie, May 25 1994. '2150' refers to the minimum operating elevation (2150 m) of the Williston Reservoir.

Anonymous (date unknown). **Canoe trip on the Parsnip and Peace Rivers**: 10 min 30 s.

Film footage (colour) of a canoe trip from the Parsnip River at Windy Point through the Pine Pass to the Peace River at the W.A.C. Bennett Hydroelectric Dam. Includes some aerial footage from helicopter portages. Finishes with footage of the W.A.C Bennett dam and spillway and Hudson's Hope.

Anonymous (date unknown). **LeTourneau tree crusher**: Film segment (a) 5 min, (b) 3 min, (c) 18 min.

Sequence of 3 colour film segments: (a) tree crusher in operation during winter (no sound), (b) tree crusher in operation during summer, including aerial footage (no sound), (c) narrated promotional film describing how to operate various models of Letourneau tree crushers, as well as examples of where and why they are used.

Bairstow, D. (1964). **Alexander Mackenzie - the lord of the north**, National Film Board of Canada: 28 min.

Alexander Mackenzie tries to prove Peter Pond's thesis that there was a river that would lead him to the Pacific Ocean. This is a detailed portrayal of the canoe trip Alexander Mackenzie and his crew embarked upon from Fort Chipewyan in the summer of 1789, with readings from his diaries.

BC Hydro and Power Authority (1997). **Sinkhole remediation, W.A.C. Bennett Dam**: 10 min.

In the summer of 1996 two sinkholes were discovered in the W.A.C. Bennett Dam, one of the world's largest earth-filled dams. BC Hydro's response to these events was comprehensive. This video documents the sinkhole investigation and rigorous testing program conducted at the dam, the repair work at the sinkhole areas, and the enhanced monitoring and surveillance program that has been implemented. Through the Bennett Dam experience, much more is known about the technology of earthfill dams and their performance, providing an improved understanding of the safety and continuing health of these dams.

BC Hydro and Power Authority (date unknown). **Canyon of destiny**: 26 min.

This film is about the pursuit of the perfect site and materials to build the W.A.C. Bennett Dam. Opening with the dedication ceremonies of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam, this narrated BC Hydro film presents the development of the dam from engineering surveys through construction. Includes information on landmasses and the Peace River system.

BC Hydro and Power Authority (date unknown). **Power and people**: 23 min 30 s.

An overview of BC Hydro projects, activities and plans to meet the province's energy needs -- past , present and future. Sequences include historical footage from 1950s of power plants in

the Lower Mainland and the Bridge River development; the Peace River project under construction and now; flood control benefits of the Bennett dam; the provincial power grid; powerline right-of-way made available for other uses; new submarine cable to Vancouver Island (late 1960s); Duncan and Keenleyside [Arrow] dams and side benefits [Kokanee spawning channel, Duck Lake waterfowl sanctuary, new beaches on Arrow Lake]; construction at Mica dam site; helicopter transporting transmission tower; crew stringing power lines on Mission Ridge; helicopter patrolling line crew working on fallen line and tower; possible new energy sources for the future.

Bessette, R. (1999). **Autlo Ralf presents Mackenzie then and now.** : 24:30 min.

This video was produced by the Autumn Lodge Society as a fundraiser for senior's housing in Mackenzie. It features a slide show of photos and video depicting Mackenzie 'then and now', followed by J.D. Mackenzie interviewing Ray Bessette about the Autumn Lodge Society and senior's housing needs.

Callahan, L., J. Callahan, et al. (2001). **Northern BC Winter Games in Mackenzie, 2001:** 75 min.

Hosted by Mackenzie, this footage from the Northern BC Winter Games includes the opening ceremonies, karate, badminton, gymnastics, bowling, figure skating, curling, snowmobiling, darts, archery, volleyball, cross-country skiing, swimming, speed skating, synchronized swimming, snowboarding, downhill skiing, and hockey.

Fletcher Challenge Canada (1993). **Fletcher Challenge Canada - Welcome to Mackenzie Pulp:** 13 min 30s.

This film promotes Fletcher Challenge Canada operations in Mackenzie, shows how Mackenzie Pulp Mill makes MK90 pulp, and highlights what Mackenzie Pulp products are used for.

Kreps, B. (1979). **No life for a woman:** 26 min 30 s.

This film points out the inadequacies of single-industry company towns built primarily around jobs and not around people. Often, little provision has been made for organized activities outside the narrow frame of work. Women from the single-industry towns of Mackenzie and Fraser Lake, BC, talk about the depression and isolation women often experience there, and about steps being taken to overcome these problems. In Fraser Lake, a women's center now brings women out of their homes to meet these problems head on. The Tuesday Morning Drop-In organized in Mackenzie was another project initiated to meet social needs.

Lewis, P. (1965 and 1967). **Before the waters came:** 27 min.

Lewis Palmer's narrated account of the 4 day freight boat trip from Finlay Forks to Fort Ware. Filmed in 1965 and 1967, featuring Art van Somer, Bill van Somer, and George Masiteau (spelling?).

Pearce, B., **Old Timer The Voyageur Enterprises Inc.,** Victoria BC.

In 1967, Canada's Centennial Year, Guy "Old Timer" Randall and crew re-enacted Sir Alexander Mackenzie's cross-Canada canoe trips. Ten men with a half wolf-dog paddled the old fur trade route 5,400 miles from Fort St John BC to Expo '67 at Montreal, Quebec.

Stenseth, A. M. (1993). *Voyageurs in the Rocky Mountain Trench*. The Sir Alexander Mackenzie sea to sea bicentennial celebrations, 1789-1793 1989-1993, Big Lake Video Services, Mackenzie BC.

Williams, T. (1942 and 1947). *Ted Williams' river boat trip*: 8 min (black and white film); 7 min 30 s (colour film).

Film footage (no audio) of Ted Williams' river boat trips on the Parsnip and Finlay Rivers: black and white film of river freighting boat travel; colour film of river boat travel, road construction, and family.

Willis, J. F. (date unknown). *Peace and plenty*: 1 hr.

Narrated film footage (black and white) of the people and industries along the Peace River from the headwaters at the confluence of the Parsnip and Finlay Rivers downstream through Hudson's Hope, Fort St John, Taylor, Dawson Creek, and Pouce Coupe. No sound second half.