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OTAGO GOLD

A SHORT HISTORY

All For The Gold (extracts)

Southern Television Dunedin 1973. Duration 26:12

These extracts tell the story of the gold rush on Dunedin and Otago province. They reconstruct events using archival photographs, newspaper clippings and personal accounts. Although some miners found wealth and prosperity in the mining towns, many also succumbed to severe winters and flooding (such as in 1863). The pioneer miners legacy remains in the population that was established in the province of Otago.

PROSPECTING & EXTRACTION AFTER THE GOLDRUSH

LAKE WAKATIPU 1928

In Days of Gold: A Tale of the Shotover, Queenstown, New Zealand (extract)

NZ Government Publicity Office 1928. Duration 1:35

Diving with a suction pump in Lake Wakatipu in 1928. "It's cold work, Mickey – colder'n a tin shirt, and bad for the rheumatics, but glory be what won't they do for a bit of the yellow."

CROMWELL 1936

Pick & Pan on the Otago Gold Fields New Zealand

[1936] Duration 3:17

Various scenes of Cromwell, Central Otago; fruit growing; the gold rush; remains of the Gold Field Hotel; miners' huts; miners panning in the river; gold dust.

DREDGING THE CLUTHA 1946

Weekly Review 237 (extract)

National Film Unit 1946. Duration 3:58

CENTRAL OTAGO ... GOLD: Shows men panning for gold in Otago and a dredge on the Clutha River in action.

STUDYING THE REMAINS

The Clutha With John Gadsby (extracts)

George Andrews Productions 1991. Duration 4:01

Jon Gadsby takes a look at the sites of former gold workings along the Clutha River at Dunstan and Doctor's Point. Two of the main gold extractions (quartz and alluvial) are mentioned, and stone cottages and cave dwellings are investigated.

THE CHINESE MINERS

CHINAMAN'S GOLD

Contact : Chinaman's Gold (extracts)

TVNZ 1981. Duration 11.11

Archaeological study of the site of Chinese miners in the Clutha Valley in the late nineteenth century. Archaeologist Neville Ritchie spends ten weeks on site and around the township of Cromwell, with his team. The site was soon to be overwhelmed by construction of the massive hydro-electric power dam at Clyde. Their tools, huts and utensils are pieced together having been untouched for sixty years.

WHAT LIES BENEATH

What Lies Beneath: The Missing Miners (extracts)

Natural History NZ 2006. Duration 4:48

Archaeologists attempt to extricate from the land at Lawrence evidence of the 4000 Chinese miners living in New Zealand in the 1870s.

CASE STUDY: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

WAIUTA 1935–1936

Waiuta Gold Mine, Building & Operation of a Dredge (extracts)

A. Campbell 1935–1936. Duration 6:12

Amateur footage showing the invasive nature of mining, the use of the environment and what remains.

SHOTOVER RIVER 1990s

Mining and the Environment (extract)

Coromandel Watchdog / Team Video Pacific 1993. Duration 8:11

The Shotover River Valley near Queenstown is a popular tourist attraction. However white water rafting companies became concerned about the environmental impact of the mining operation.

COROMANDEL

PROSPECTS

Prospects (extracts)

Pit Productions 1989. Duration 16:25

Natural resources in the Coromandel Peninsula are under threat, and local residents band together to preserve the area, and protest destructive mining.

6:30 NEWS 06/09/1985

6:30 News 06/09/1985 (extract)

TVNZ 1985. Duration 2:18

The Waihi Mining Company is told it must prove its environmental strategies are viable before a permit will be granted.

MINING & THE ENVIRONMENT

Mining and the Environment (extract)

Coromandel Watchdog / Team Video Pacific 1993. Duration 2:54

Public concern and some environmental analysis from the greenies regarding the Waihi operations.

SUNKEN HOUSE

TV3 News 13/12/2001 (extract)

TV3 Network 2001. Duration 6:35

Great shots of the sunken houses in Waihi. A disaster waiting to happen?

REEFTON 2000

One News 29/11/2000 (extract)

TVNZ 2000. Duration 1:50

A Resource Consents Panel in Reefton is hearing submissions on a proposed open cast gold mine, offering jobs and huge financial gains. Interviews with: Gavin Hinton (Reefton resident); Bill Watts, (a goldminer's son); Tony Fortune (Historian); Peter Lawn (Museum Curator) and Peter Lusk, (Conservationist).