

Mountain of Gold

*"An epic story of gold fever
and how it affected the people of a
small frontier mining town"*



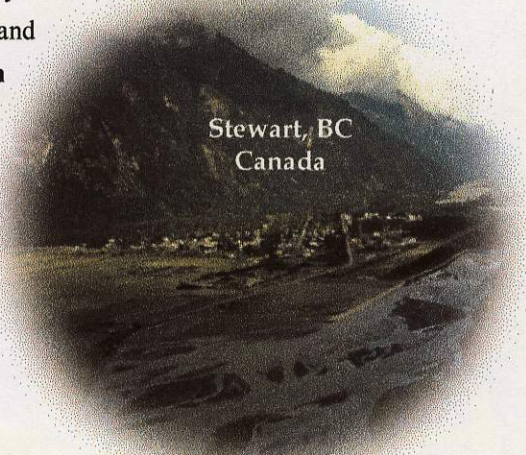
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In 1926, Stewart, British Columbia was a rough and tumble mining town. It was a typical remote frontier community, populated by miners, gamblers, con-men, prostitutes, and trappers. Into this town came **Constable Lance Potterton** of the **British Columbia Provincial Police** and later the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police**. Potterton, the sole voice of law and order in the area, held the dubious honor of single handedly patrolling the largest (and one of the roughest) detachments in North America.

Mountain of Gold, a two hour documentary, examines the town where Potterton was the law to the people who made Stewart their home. Some of the personalities discussed in the documentary include **Klondike Kate Ryan**, a former North West Mounted Police officer who acted as Stewart's gold inspector, **Wendel Dawson**, possibly the first prospector to use an aircraft for claim searches, and the nefarious **Mr. Burgess**, who lead an expedition of 65 men from Seattle, then left them to die in the rugged North-West wilderness.

The documentary also looks at other aspects of Stewart's history. How Stewart expanded and contracted with the prosperity of the mines in the area. At one point, Stewart's population was as large as Vancouver. *Mountain of Gold* also examines other colorful aspects in the area like the many bars, gambling parlors and brothels, all of which fluctuated with the boom and bust of the surrounding mines.

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