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MYSTERY CABIN DISCOVERED ON MOUNT BURKE MAY HAVE BEEN HIDEOUT OF NOTORIOUS HALF-BREED CONVICTED OF MURDER

A mouldering log cabin, estimated to be 50 years old was recently discovered 3000 feet up Mount Burke north of Port Coquitlam by Thomas H. Holtby, who is opening up seven square miles of new skiing territory on the Burke slopes.

The cabin was well hidden in thick forest growth. Its existence was not known before, according to Mr. Holtby and the conjecture is made that the cabin was the hideout of the notorious half-breed Slummock.

Slummock was hanged in the jail yard at New Westminster at the turn of the century for murder of his wife.

The Indian was said to be discoverer of the now famous lost gold mine of the Pitt. He made periodic trips to New Westminster, spent freely until his poke was empty, then disappeared into the hills skirting Pitt Lake to replenish it with virgin gold.

His mine was thought to be a fabulous creek-bed of glittering fine gold and raw nuggets.

The condemned Indian went to his death on the gallows without revealing the location of his amazing find.

Numerous exploration parties and lone prospectors have gone into the rugged Pitt Lake region searching for the lost mine but its location still remains a mystery.

Volcanic Brown, intrepid gold hunter of Grand Forks forfeited his life in the search about ten years ago.

The 50-year old cabin on Mount Burke is thought possibly to have been Slummock's hideout. Possibility of Slummock's lost mine being located somewhere on the Burke slopes or in the deep water courses of the mountain, is not discounted.

Holtby declares he has been unable to contact anyone who had previous knowledge of the cabin's existence, though it may have been the home of a wilderness trapper operating a "high-line" on Mount Burke years ago.

The cabin's roof has collapsed from heavy snows, but the walls are still up, though crumbly with age.

Holtby intends to make further explorations of the cabin this summer, digging into the debris.

He reported finding two empty lard tins bearing the name of a Seattle packer. He believes the tins were packed about 1906.

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Slummock was hanged several years prior to that date, which would indicate the cabin was not his, or that it has been visited by someone after his apprehension and death.