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SLUMACH AND HIS MINE

Dear Sir:

So, Slumach's Mine has finally been found!

Well, I have been thinking it is about time the mine was found again. Looking over my data on the particular Lost Mine, I find that this is at least the fifth time it has been "found."

Slumach's son was the first. John Jackson was the next, then Doc "Volcanic" Brown. In 1952, reporters Bill Ryan and Rat Munro, guided by Tommy Williams—son of an Indian chief, found the spot, but there was too much snow to do anything. (Naturally in April.) They filed a claim which was registered in New Westminster and figured to return when the snow was about gone to get the gold. So far as I know, they never went back. I wonder why?

I wonder what type of fellow the TV people will select to portray Slumach. Description I have of him vary from a man about 40, medium size, with jet-black hair, to a solid built man near 80, with a shock of snow-white hair.

Slumach's son was said to have brought out gold, and Jackson took out nuggets to the value of some \$10,000 so they say. "Volcanic" Brown claimed to have taken out a load worth about \$8,000 which he was supposed to have taken to his sister in Seattle.

Of course there may be others who have managed to get out with some gold without it being known.

Oh, well, it makes good reading anyway. I still say there ain't a lot of nuggets the size of walnuts to be found in the Pitt mountains.

I also still feel that if Slumach ever had a bunch of gold nuggets, they were taken from murdered prospectors.

Quite a few of these were killed during that period, and seldom was it known who did it.

Mesachie Sam was blamed for several and after Slumach was executed, some members of his tribe spoke of certain ones believed to have been put away by him. They were scared to speak of it while he was alive, as they feared him.

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