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“VOLCANIC” BROWN FOUND; FOOT FROZEN

LOCATED IN SHACK NORTH OF PITT LAKE DISTRICT BY
PROVINCIAL POLICE SEARCHING FOR HIM.

“Volcanic” Robert A. Brown, the veteran prospector of the North Fork, 12 miles north of Grand Forks, who has been hunting for the “hidden treasure” in the Pitt Lake district for the past three summers, would appear to have become disabled during his stay this summer and was unable to make his way out himself. His non-arrival about the time expected caused the anxiety of old-time friends, who got the provincial police to institute a search and happily they located him.

“Doc” Brown, as he is also familiarly known, left for the coast last spring on his annual pilgrimage to find what is usually called the “hidden treasure,” which is thought to be a rich gold streak located years ago by a prospector who later died, leaving only meagre directions as to the location of the prospect. Mr. Brown has now spent three summers in quest of the treasure, and it is understood that he spends much of his time above the snow line, which no doubt accounts for his foot being frozen.

The following dispatch from New Westminster under date of October 18 appeared in the daily papers.

Rescued in the nick of time, Robert A. Brown, 70, a prospector, familiarly known as “Doctor,” was found in his shack in the district north of the head of Pitt Lake by Provincial Constable G.F. Elliott and Roy McMartin, former game warden, both of Mission, who had gone into that country to search for the aged man.

Mr. Brown was found in low condition. One of his feet was frozen, he had no matches, and his food was almost gone. He was given attention by his rescuers and is being brought out as rapidly as his condition permits.

The aged prospector had intended to come out several weeks ago, and his non-appearance “on the outside” has led to the search for him. He has spent several winters in Vancouver.

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