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NO GOLD IN "FABULOUS RICH" LOST CREEK MINE, PITT LAKE

The legend of the fabulously rich gold mine in the dangerous country behind Pitt Lake, where Slumach, an Indian, was supposed to obtain great wealth, has been exploded, J. Stewart Smith, superintendent of securities, has announced.

This, he says, has come about through the examination of the area by the Slumach Lost Creek Mine Ltd., a company organized to test, once and for all, the truth of the stories that have kept in circulation for more than half a century.

The company's solicitor, R.J. Munro, has reported that a thorough examination has been concluded of the area, and that no commercial ore has been found.

The result is that the company has been suspended—and the fantastic story that has lured a number of men to their death has been finally killed.

The legend was started in obscurity but persisted that Slumach had a supply of gold that he gathered from a creek. It is a most difficult and dangerous country, especially for inexperienced men, and some who attempted to find the source of the mythical gold never returned.

It was the legend of Lost Creek gold mine, a fabulous deposit supposed to have been discovered by an Indian named Slumach in the Pitt Lake country 45 miles northeast of Vancouver.

Slumach, the legend says, was hanged for murder 50 years ago after he arrived at New Westminster with some gold nuggets of immense value.

Hundreds of men went into the Pitt Lake area through some of the most dangerous country on the B.C. coast to locate the source. Twenty-seven never returned.

Recently a company was formed after a party, led by a man who claimed to be a descendant of Slumach, found what they thought was the right location.

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