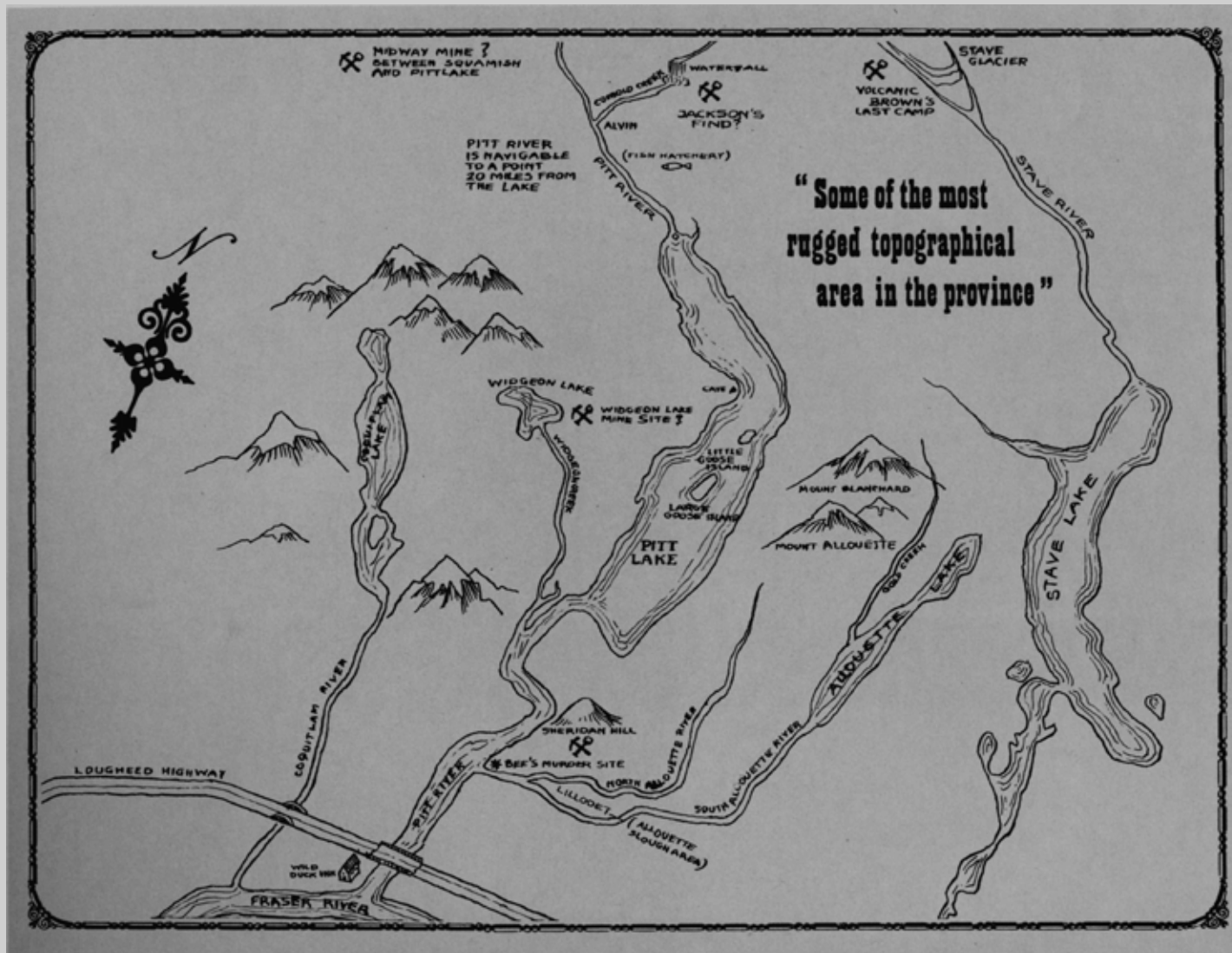


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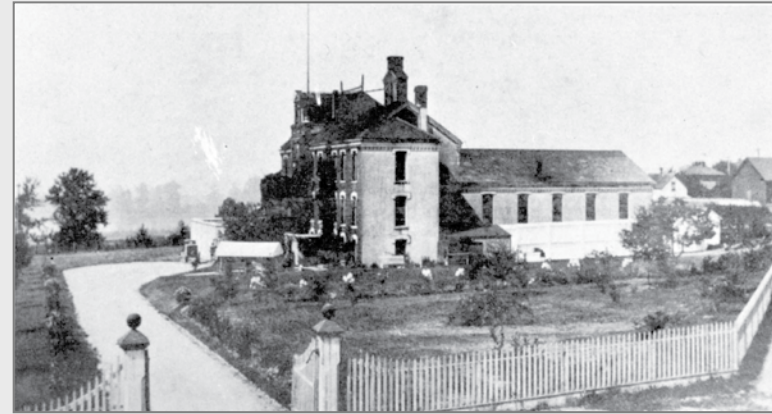


William Mosesby, Governor of  
Provincial Gaol at New  
Westminster, County of Westminister  
being sworn South, that the body  
whom the jury has been hanged  
by the Gaol was that of one  
Samuel an Indian who was  
executed by hanging by the  
Gaol until dead, in accordance  
with the sentence of the Assize  
Court 18<sup>th</sup> November 1891, by  
Mr Justice Drake, and was executed  
the day 16<sup>th</sup> January 1891.

W. Mosesby

Taken upon oath and acknowledged  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January. A.D. 1891.  
before me

Alfred Crowe



Provincial gaol, New  
Westminster, where  
Slumach was hanged  
in 1891.

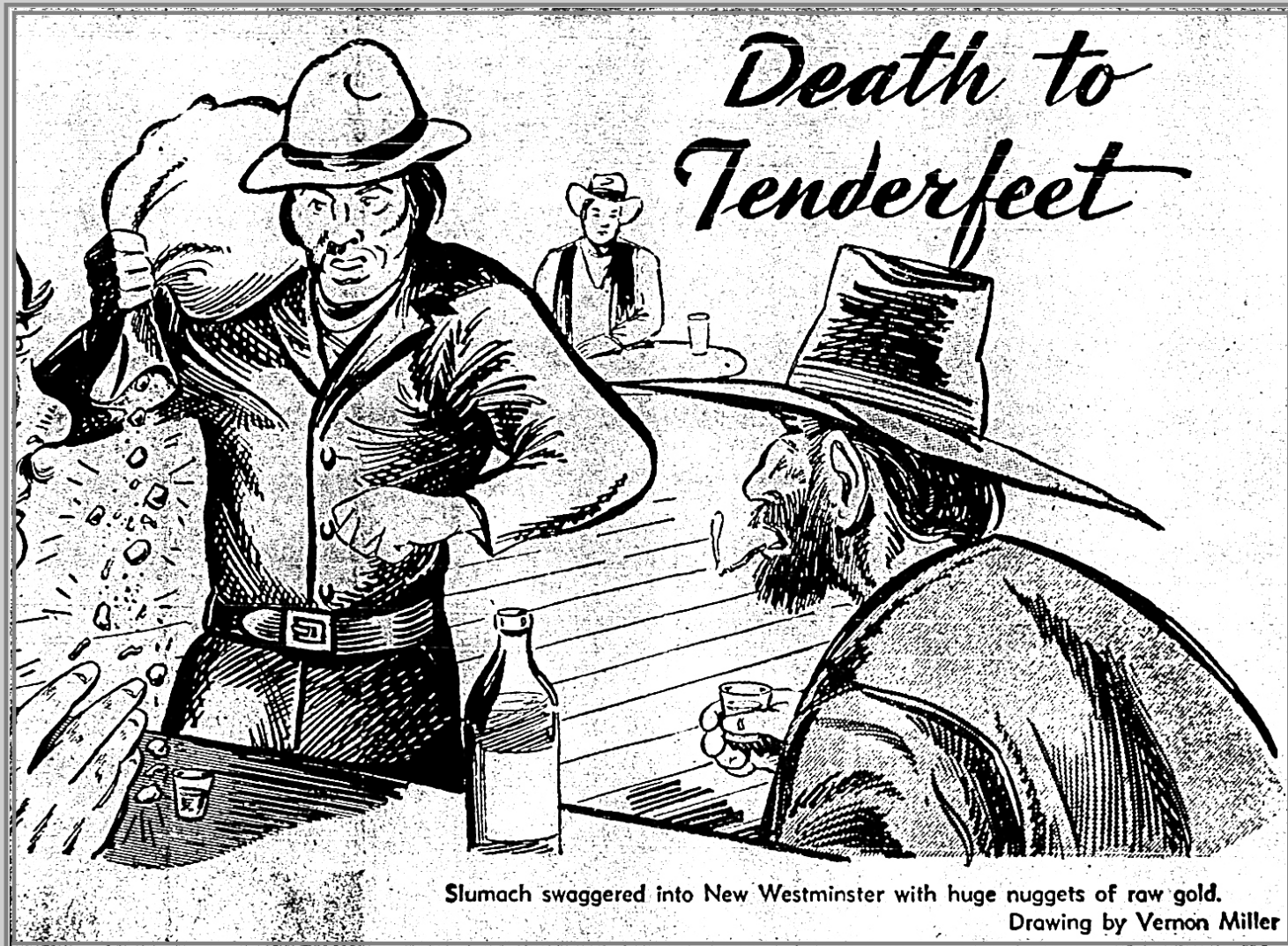


16 January 1891

Mr. Justice Drake, who presided over Slumach's trial

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  New Year	2	3
4	5	6	7	8  <i>Second General Meeting of the Lost Mine of Pitt Lake Society (2008)</i>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16  <i>Slumach's death (1891)</i>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



ONE day in 1890 a narrow-eyed cigar-smoking half-breed Indian named Slumach swaggered into New Westminster and embarked on a spree of spending and carousing. He carried a knapsack bulging with nuggets of raw gold.

*Hoodoo gold; death to tenderfeet, by Clyde Gilmour- Province (magazine), 18 January 1947*

# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Family Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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# "The Lost Mine of PITT LAKE"



**N**ONE but a hardy prospector could have fashioned the rough crutches on which he made his slow and painful egress from the mountains to where he could reach civilization by easier means of travel.

*"The lost mine of Pitt Lake," by E.L. Purkins - Sunday Province, 9 August 1925*

# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 DST begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Courtesy Roger Manson



Recently a company was formed to probe for the supposedly rich ore. When it reported to Victoria recently that no commercial ore had been uncovered, J. Stewart Smith, provincial superintendent of securities announced that the group, Slumach Lost Creek Mine Ltd., has been suspended. (*Vancouver Sun*, 18 November 1952)



# April

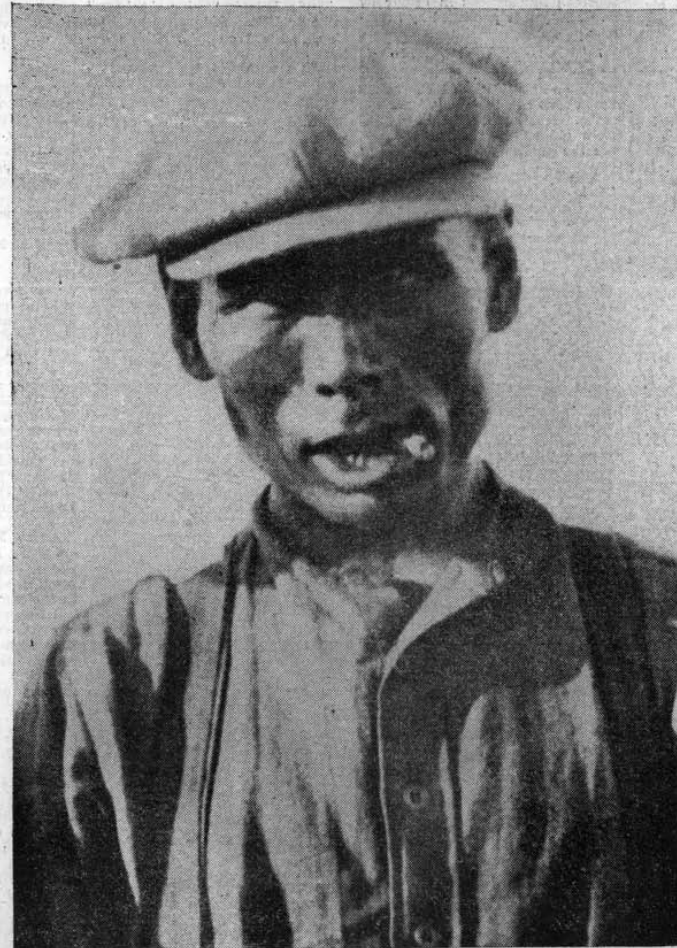
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13 Easter	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**F**IRST INDICATION of the existence of Lost Creek Mine came some forty years ago when the Indian Slummock arrived in New Westminster with a knapsack bulging with nuggets of gold.

Naturally, an Indian with a lot of raw gold became the centre of attraction; men of all types flocked about him in effort to learn the location of his strike. But Slummock stubbornly refused to divulge the source of his new-found wealth.

*“Hoodoo Gold in British Columbia: Death Guards the Lost Creek Mine,” by C.V. Tench, The Standard, Montreal, 25 November 1939.*

Slummock, Who Died With His Secret



*Slummock, the Indian, who found the “Hoodoo” gold and was hanged for murdering the squaws who helped him.*

Author C.V. Tench would use this same image again in March 1942 for Eneas George, a Nicola Indian, who was one of three Native brothers executed for the 1934 murder of 2 police constables on the Canford Reserve.

# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						





**S**OMEONE with greed in his soul followed Volcanic Brown into the wilderness...toward his Eldorado. Volcanic knew that he was being followed because... he could see the smoke of his pursuer's camp fire some distance behind him.

Until finally one night Volcanic did NOT see any distant smoke. The old prospector did an almost incredible thing. He went back to investigate and when he found his pursuer—groaning in a gully, with a broken leg, Brown took his injured pursuer back to New Westminster and got him a doctor.



*"Sacrifices on the trail of hoodoo gold," by Clyde Gilmour, Province (magazine), 15 February 1947*

# June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day						
28	29	30				

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**W**ILBUR ARMSTRONG, a Washington prospector of seventy-two, plunged into the mountains of the Pitt range recently on his tenth trip in search of Slumagh's mine. For ten years Armstrong has made his pilgrimage every summer, but this, he says, will be the last if it proves as barren as the others.

Armstrong is not the only man who has headed search parties in the attempt to locate this hidden treasure, whose location is asserted to be within twenty miles of the head of Pitt lake, yet which has been discovered by but one man, who is now dead, since Slumagh, the Indian after whom it was named, was hanged in the jail yard at New Westminster in 1891.

Walter Jackson, the second discoverer, panned out thousands of dollars' worth of gold when he located it in 1901.



**Tenth Trip In Search of Mine.**

Stevens Point Daily Journal (Wisconsin) 18 October 1915  
This is the first account mentioning Slumach and Jackson as locators of the Lost Mine. The story provides all the particulars of the "Jackson Letter" about the finding of the mine.



# July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Canada Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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**A**N INDIAN with a lot of raw gold naturally became the centre of attraction in the then small trading-settlement of New Westminster, and men of all types flocked about him endeavouring to discover the location of his “strike.”

Every known trick was tried—doped drinks, the flattering attention of dance-hall girls, offers of secrecy and undying friendship, and so on.

But Slummock, even when intoxicated, stubbornly refused to divulge the source of his new-found wealth.

*“Hoodoo Gold,” by C.V. Trench, The Wide World Magazine, Australian Edition, June 1941*



**“EVERY KNOWN TRICK WAS TRIED—DOPED DRINKS, THE FLATTERING ATTENTIONS OF DANCE-HALL GIRLS.”**  
(SEE PAGE 156.)

# August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 BC Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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*This illustration by Fred Bosman from In Search of a Legend shows Slumach murdering Louis Bee. It reflects the unreliable press accounts of the 1800s.*

*There was only one witness present, Seymour, and both he and Louis Bee were sitting in the dugout as the shooting happened.*

*Following is part of the witness Seymour testimony before Justice of the Peace Pittendrigh, 3 November 1890.*

## 8 September 1890

I HEARD the report of a gun on the opposite shore that is the left-hand side going upstream. Louis Bee proposed to go across to where the shot was fired as he thought it might be white men there. When we got to the shore I saw the prisoner Slumach coming out of the long grass and told Louis he was coming. When Slumach got near, Louis Bee asked him what he was firing at. He gave no answer but kept walking up towards our canoe until he reached the edge of the river.

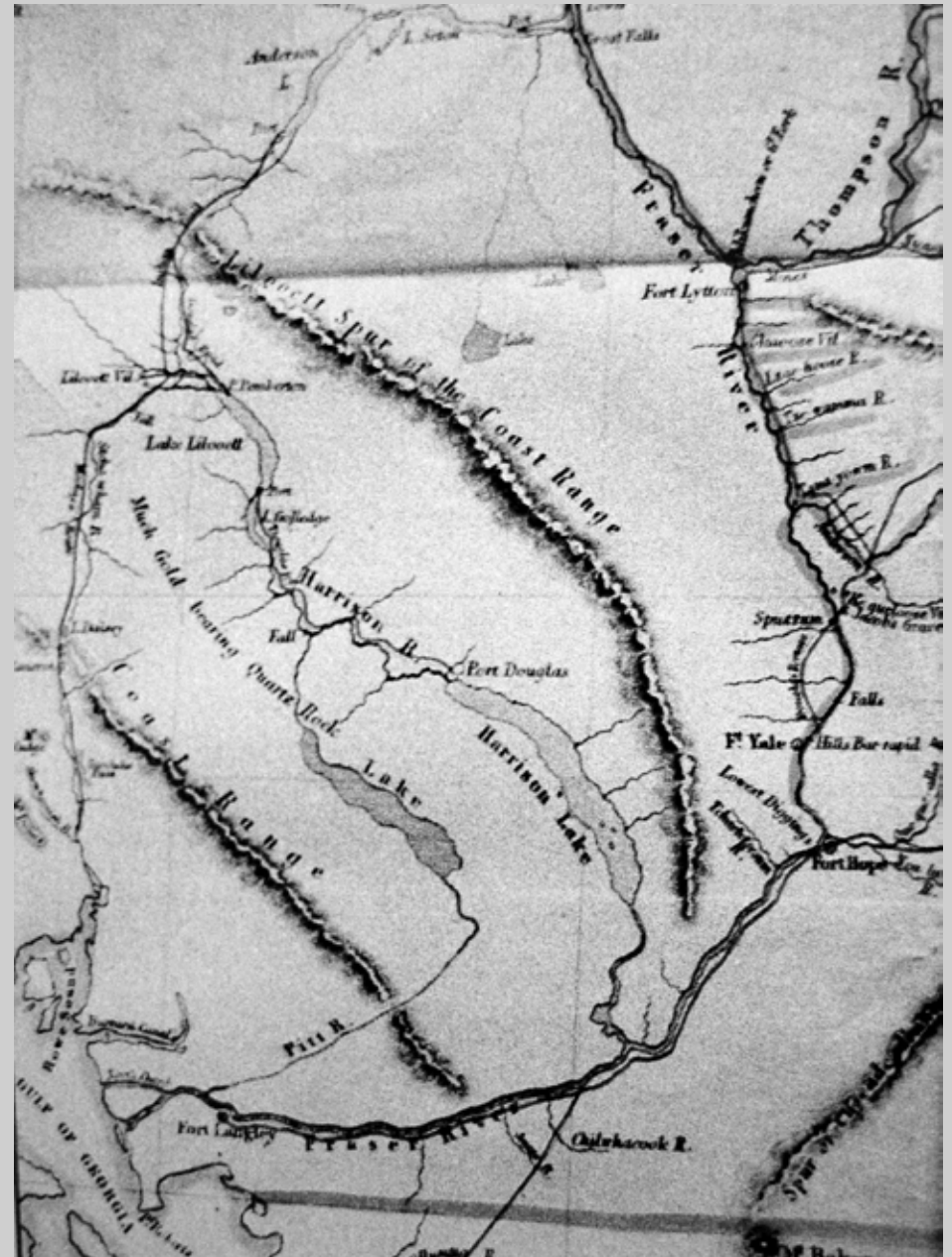


Without any further word he presented his gun at Louis Bee, the deceased, and fired. After the shot was fired I saw blood coming out of Louis Bee's arm at the back of his shoulder. He grasped hold of the side of the canoe and after a few seconds fell overboard and sank in about two-and-a-half feet of water. The canoe was afloat and about 15 or 16 feet from the shore—the water here is shallow for some distance out.

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 <i>Louie Bee killed (1890)</i>	9 <i>Inquest and inquisition before Cpt. George Pit- tendrigh J.P. (1890)</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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**M**APS published around 1860 of the Pitt Lake area already show “gold,” “Indian diggings” and “much gold bearing quartz rock.” This was the source of the dreams of Pitt Lake gold.



# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Slumach arrested and jailed. (1890)</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



This picture is said to be that of the Notorious Slumach and one of his maidens, on the way to his lost mine.

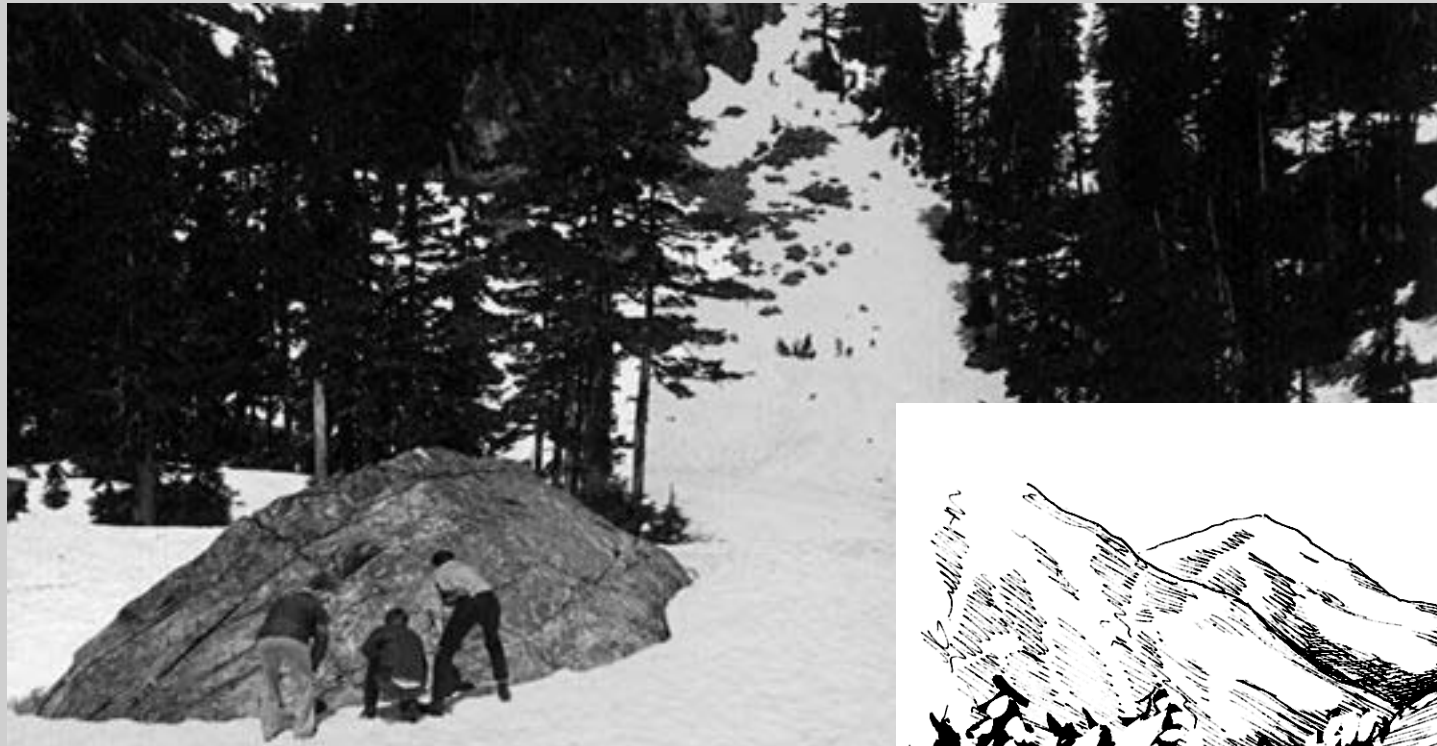
*Treasure Trails of British Columbia, 1970, Laurence Lazeo*

Some of the questions were: Would Slummock, an Indian, venture into the wilds alone? Would not he, following the custom of his race, take a squaw along to make moccasins and other articles of clothing, to gather fuel, cook, help with the packing in of supplies and the making and breaking of camps? Had he not had a woman with him on his last trip? ("Hoodoo Gold in British Columbia: Death Guards the Lost Creek Mine," by C.V. Tench, The Standard, Montreal, 25 November 1939.)



# November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  DST ends	2	3 <i>Preliminary hearings. District Court before Pittendrigh, J.P. (1890)</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Remembrance Day	12	13 <i>Assizes (1890)</i>	14 <i>Assizes (1890)</i>
15 <i>Assizes (1890) Slumach condemned to death</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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"The snow was too deep around the base of the rock and I was unable to locate and photograph the letter "J" carved in the Rock." Don Waite, 1975.

**S**OME of the nuggets were as big as walnuts and there were many chunks carrying quartz. After sizing up carefully I saw that there were millions stowed away in the little cracks. On account of the weight I buried part of the gold at the foot of a large tent-shaped rock facing the creek. You can't miss it. There is a mark cut out in it. (Jackson's letter)



*The tent-shaped rock. Drawing by Fred Bosman. From In Search of a Legend. 1972.*

# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Christmas	Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31		



This calender was produced by Fred Braches on the occasion of the Second General Meeting of the Lost Mine of Pitt Lake Society on 8 January 2009.