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## LOST MINE'S CURSE DOGS VALLEY TRIO

The curse of B.C.'s Lost Creek gold mine dogged three Aldergrove men for 10 days,

In a valley 20 miles north-west of Pitt Lake the trio watched in awe as dense fog rolled in, huge mountain slides thundered down around them, lightening bolts split the sky and heavy rain drenched them to the skin.

Don Gray, Alf Newman and Bob Blakey, full-time farmers and amateur prospectors, were hunting for the legendary gold mine of the Indian Slumach.

"There must be something in the curse," said Blakey today, "because we didn't find any gold."

"We weren't exactly frightened, but it certainly made us think."

Blakey said, the heavy rain caused them to run from several floods.

"We were soaked to the skin for four days.

"I still think there is gold there. We found lots of black sand where free or nugget gold is usually found," he said.

The trio flew into the head of the lake August 30, and walked 20 miles in 3 · days carrying tents, sleeping bags and food.

They came out of the bush late Tuesday.

They brought some hard rock samples, which will be essayed.

Blakey said he will return to the area next summer to continue hunting for the mine, which, according to legend, has claimed the lives of 20 to 30 men.

Slumach, who was supposed to have found the mine and brought out gold on many secret trips, was hanged for murder in 1891.

Legend says he never divulged the location of his mine.

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