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A legend that has lured 27 men to their death was punctured Tuesday.

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 north-east 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 British Columbia coast to locate the source--27 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.

J. Stewart Smith, provincial superintendent of securities, announced Tuesday the company, Slumach Lost Creek Mine Ltd. has been suspended.

The company said thorough search of the land had uncovered no commercial ore.

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