

Dunfield Calls Halt

The current search for legendary pirate fortune on Oak Island has halted — but may not be finished completely.

Los Angeles petroleum geologist Robert Dunfield, in Nova Scotia since July of last year, leaves for home Friday after failing to find evidence of buried loot on Nova Scotia's famed treasure island.

Yet, he emphasizes his search there is not finished.

Dunfield and associates have already invested an estimated \$120,000 plus into the hunt.

The 39-year-old Californian said last night that all his efforts here have not been in vain. He explained that he is now fully convinced that the area of the money pit, where he has dug over 130-feet deep before Christmas, is the site of the Windsor Rock Formations.

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This natural rock structure of carbonates (materials such as limestone, etc.) runs underground about 130-feet for many miles in that area of the province. This material is believed porous and in a broken fractured state. This may possibly explain why drilling operations on the island have encountered what appears to be chambers or compartments beneath the surface.

As to whether the treasure is there still deep in the Windsor formation or not there at all, Mr. Dunfield is non-committal.

But he is coming back again, in his own words "when the weather is better" to give further investigation to one of the beach sites.

Digging on the island started more than a century ago with an estimated \$1,750,000 sunk into the island since that time.

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