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# Dunfield Still

## Enthusiastic

OAK ISLAND — Robert R. Dunfield said Thursday he's no less enthusiastic about his chances of finding buried treasure on this 123-acre Nova Scotia island than when operations began five months ago.

"There have been so many setbacks I don't know what to think," said the 39-year-old Los Angeles petroleum geologist who took over treasure hunting operations here in August.

Use of modern machinery and expenditure of more than \$90,000 have resulted in failure to solve the 170-year-old mystery of the island.

A huge hole aimed at the legendary money vault was abandoned Jan. 3 after sliding earth filled in the bottom of the excavation three times.

But Mr. Dunfield refuses to give up.

He said a crew would begin drilling today over the area of the money pit. Core samples will be taken from a depth of 135 feet to about 180 feet.

"If nothing is found that indicates we're in the area of the treasure we'll dig a few feet away," he said. "We've taken this thing this far and we're not going to give up."