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Treasure Isle Hunt Delayed

OAK ISLAND—Treasure hunting operations on this small Nova Scotia island have been put back about one week because of trouble with the digging bucket on a 70-ton crane, Los Angeles geologist Robert Dunfield said Sunday.

Mr. Dunfield, 39, said two buckets used on the earth-eating crane have broken down since excavations began Thursday. Another bucket was on its way here Sunday night and was expected to be in operation this morning.

Mr. Dunfield and a crew of 11 men, two bulldozers and the huge crane have been here since Sept. 29 in a hunt for the legendary treasure of Captain Kidd, which Mr. Dunfield believes is hidden in a pit where many treasure hunters have concentrated efforts over the past 170 years.

The pit has been sunk by other explorers to a depth of 110 feet. Dunfield said he will dig as deep as 150 feet and then decide whether it is worthwhile doing deeper. He had originally expected the treasure hunt to take three weeks.