
Treasure Remains 'Legend'

The sea scored a temporary victory against Oak Island treasure hunter Robert Dunfield, when his official treasure searching rights expired at midnight on August 31.

The California petroleum geologist took over the search for the legendary treasure of Captain Kidd last August, shortly after swamp gas from the dank treasure pit took the lives of four other searchers. It is estimated that he has spent around \$130,000 in efforts to keep the sea from swirling into the lower

depths of the hole where the treasure is believed to lie.

M. R. Chappel of Sydney, N.S., who owns the island which lies off the Nova Scotia mainland, said that a "tremendous number of people" had written him in recent months, expressing interest in searching for the treasure. However, he said that Dunfield would have first claim on renewal of his searching rights.

The treasure hunter was expected in Nova Scotia at any time.
