

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. WELLS

1 matters would be catered for in the mining plans.

2 Q. So I guess to conclude, would there have been any  
3 actual consideration as to how the health and safety of  
4 the miner was going to be administered or was it just an  
5 assumption that the Department of Labour would be  
6 administering that Act?

7 A. It was more than an assumption, Mr. Wells. It is  
8 the responsibility of the Department of Labour,  
9 constitutionally.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER Mr. MacArthur?

12 MR. MACARTHUR Thank you.

13 EXAMINATION BY MR. MACARTHUR

14 MR. MACARTHUR Mr. Rogers, you had some serious concerns  
15 about this project from the start. While Donnie Cameron  
16 and Elmer MacKay had direct political -- they had a  
17 direct political stake in the mine. Do you feel that  
18 they were probably watching the ballot box rather than  
19 looking for sound financial deal?

20 A. Well, it would be -- it's pure speculation on my  
21 part what went -- what they had as priorities. I believe  
22 that both were acting in the interests of their  
23 constituents. This was a huge project for Pictou County.  
24 There's no doubt that its approval would have to be  
25 considered by them as a major stroke of good fortune for