

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 in which he appeared in Toronto, so I'm -- I think I'm  
2 going backwards on that subject because this meeting, I  
3 think, came before that second meeting.

4 Q. The Toronto meeting or this meeting before --

5 A. This meeting preceded the second meeting where --

6 Q. All right.

7 A. Which I remember asking, "Who's he?" because I  
8 couldn't even recognize him by -- I couldn't recognize  
9 his -- I didn't know him by sight.

10 Q. All right. Well, that says something. Anyway, a  
11 question that I should have asked you yesterday, and I've  
12 asked most of the witnesses in hopes that we can yet  
13 glean something from you before you leave: On  
14 reflection, and having thought about this whole  
15 transaction and the tragedy itself, from your  
16 perspective, what do you think we can learn from it all?

17 A. What you learn from this, I think, is that you  
18 expect to have people who are competent to do their jobs.  
19 And if they don't possess the knowledge or skills, they  
20 go and acquire them, because there's lots of places they  
21 can find it. And here I'm referring to both the safety  
22 inspection and the responsibilities of the Department of  
23 Mines.

24 And the only solution is that you have people -- or  
25 what you learn from this is is you have people in those