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- 1 was a real pollution problem. Thirty thousand tonnes a
- 2 year. And they told the Federal Cabinet they couldn't
- 3 quantify it.
- They said, "We're on a system-wide basis, and if we
- 5 spread, in theory, this pollution over every inch of the
- 6 province, we're going to be all right. We going to meet
- 7 the system-wide basis," and completely ignored, and they
- 8 were told there was a local pollution problem at Trenton,
- 9 completely ignored it.
- 10 If I'm not right about this, then why is the current
- 11 government allowing the strip mine to be operating and
- that low sulphur coal going to that plant today? And why
- is the Nova Scotia Power Corporation now combined with a
- 14 private company to look for methane in the Pictou County
- area to burn at the Trenton plant? They know they have a
- 16 sulphur problem there. They know they can't burn all
- 17 high-sulphur coal in those plants and meet the
- 18 requirement. And they are looking for other ways just as
- 19 they did then. But, yet, no credit could be given.
- 20 And this government, at that time, called themselves
- 21 "green." They were an environmental government, and they
- 22 had officials saying, "We are going to force you to use
- 23 this coal and put another 30,000 tonnes a year of SO₂
- 24 into the air.
- 25 And just compare that the Point Aconi plant where we