

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. All right. Did you know anything else about this
2 business of the Esso and the province or the government
3 wasn't in favour of it because they intended to bring in
4 South American coal? Do you know anything more about
5 that?

6 A. I was just told that Esso wanted to tie up the
7 leases and then bring their coal in from a big mine, a
8 low sulphur coal mine they had in the south, and we
9 didn't think that would do much for jobs in Nova Scotia.

10 Q. Did you ever have any evidence or proof that that
11 was what Esso was intending to do?

12 A. I was just told that.

13 Q. The Coalcor proposal, what, if anything, did you
14 know about it?

15 A. I met with MacKenzie and Rose in New Glasgow one
16 day. They called me up. I was doing the backbench. I
17 don't know what power they thought I'd have, but they
18 called me up and wanted to have a meeting. And I thought
19 it was a strange conversation, I guess.

20 Q. Do you know anything more about their proposal?

21 A. They were determined that they were going to do it.
22 And they assured me that they had information that --
23 from, I guess, Ottawa, that the financing would never,
24 ever go through and that they wanted to do it.

25 Q. Your meeting --