

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 that.

2 Q. I appreciate that, but do you -- were you ever aware
3 at any point of what decisions were needed from the Prime
4 Minister's office, any decisions?

5 A. No, none. We've dealt with the Department of
6 Industry or whatever it was called at that time.

7 Q. The second part of that sentence, it says, "The
8 Province is upset because it wants to see a timetable met
9 for the delivery of coal to Nova Scotia Power
10 Corporation."

11 A. I think that would be correct. That was important.
12 We had a power plant under construction. We were looking
13 for some coal for it.

14 Q. And can I take it from that then that there was
15 pressure to get the contracted-for quantities of coal for
16 the power station on schedule?

17 A. Well, the Nova Scotia Power Corporation would like
18 to have the coal when they opened their plant. I mean,
19 they designed the plant for a high-ash and a low-sulphur
20 coal, and so they would like to have it, especially --

21 Q. So this was --

22 A. -- especially for start-up to test the equipment.
23 It was no question the Power Corporation wanted this.

24 Q. So this was a matter of importance that Curragh be
25 able to honour its commitments for delivery?