

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. No, I wasn't.

2 Q. When did you first become aware of some of the
3 evidence that we've heard in this inquiry that they
4 rejected a proposed plan change by Westray in the fall of
5 '91?

6 A. I read that in the paper, I guess, after it became
7 public.

8 Q. You didn't know that the Department had rejected
9 such a plan in November?

10 A. No. No. I mean, I wouldn't have a reason to know
11 that.

12 Q. So your first knowledge of that was reading about it
13 in the paper?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. And that would have been within what, since the
16 Public Inquiry started?

17 A. I guess so, yeah. It wouldn't be normal for me to
18 be, as Premier, to be kept up to date on every mine
19 permit and every mine plan in the Province of Nova Scotia
20 and every decision that those officials did. I mean, it
21 just simply wouldn't be normal.

22 Q. When did you first become aware that the company had
23 been mining the Southwest district in a manner that had
24 not been approved as to layout since about September of
25 '91?