

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. And on how many occasions did you speak with Mr.
2 Phillips about it?

3 A. Mr. who?

4 Q. Mr. Phillips. I thought you said that Gerald --

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. -- you had talked or asked Gerald about it.

7 A. Well, I wanted to -- you know, you read this in the
8 paper, Mr. Boudreau is raising it in the House, and
9 certainly, I think everyone would be concerned. You
10 know, what is this? And I was told that, you know,
11 experts would be taken in. That this is a normal part of
12 mining. And, I guess, after -- sometime after, I figured
13 out it really is. I mean, if you look at the number of
14 roof falls and rock outbursts and stuff that's going on
15 in our mines today, I'm beginning to realize this is a
16 very, very dangerous occupation.

17 Q. Did you make any attempt to find out what other coal
18 mines' experience had been in relation to this?

19 A. I'm -- I can't say I did. I can't recall I did
20 right then. I think I asked the Minister if the
21 Department, you know -- you know, the Department, is this
22 a usual thing? or -- you know, because I was getting this
23 information that this was -- that every coal mine will
24 have roof problems from time to time. And everyone
25 assured me it was a normal part of mining, and it could