

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 the Premier's Office, to have that link, to try to know
2 as much as possible, to try to look for problems before
3 they came and take action against it.

4 Q. Let me ask this point. We have seen, I think, not a
5 complete but an indication of the efforts that the
6 Province went to to have a coal mine established in
7 Pictou, and the terms and conditions and the
8 consideration that was given for that.

9 What efforts do you know were made to ensure that
10 our regulatory officials had the ability, the skills, the
11 training, the equipment, to be able to cope with such a
12 mine once it was brought home?

13 A. Well, Mr. Merrick, you should ask the Minister or
14 the Deputy Minister in that department if they felt
15 that --

16 Q. I'm asking you because you were Premier at the time.

17 A. I don't know what goes on in every department on a
18 daily basis, Mr. Merrick. Again, you're trying to shift
19 this. You're determined -- you're absolutely determined
20 to shift the focus on me.

21 COMMISSIONER Mr. Cameron --

22 A. And it's not what I would expect from a Commission
23 that's supposed to show no bias.

24 COMMISSIONER Mr. Cameron, I resent that. This
25 Commission is not showing any bias and --