

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 considerable jurisdiction over that mine. We know that
2 the Feds purportedly had negotiated contractual
3 arrangements that could have obligated Curragh to put
4 more money into the mine, if needed, which may or may not
5 have been enforceable to force Curragh to at least
6 recover bodies and complete a proper investigation.

7 Was any consideration given by the Province, to your
8 knowledge, to try to require Curragh to act in a manner
9 that was consistent with most previous disasters?

10 A. I think Curragh would say that it was our fault,
11 that we stood in the way, we wouldn't let them go ahead.
12 I'm not -- and, you know, it would important that you ask
13 the company this. I understand that they're going to
14 appear, and I'm not trying to answer for the company, but
15 I expect they would criticize us and say that we stood in
16 the way.

17 I felt very, very strongly that every effort should
18 have been made to recover the bodies as a very --
19 probably the most important thing of all for the families
20 to be able to get through the grieving process and know
21 that their loved ones were buried at their own cemetery.
22 And I'm -- I think that we -- we should have made a
23 greater effort to do that. I feel very badly about that,
24 and I was willing to spend Government money on that too,
25 if necessary.