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1 know. They hoped, they prayed that this would come.

2 And to have it turn into such a nasty, vicious,  
3 bitter kind of a situation, it deeply saddens me. It  
4 saddens me about my province, that we're so political,  
5 that we could allow this -- the confusion, to get mixed  
6 up. It saddens me greatly. I know that there's members  
7 of the family that won't believe that. And I understand,  
8 because they're hurt. And when you're hurt, you don't  
9 always accept what you hear. So that's very  
10 understandable.

11 But I wonder what's wrong with our Province of Nova  
12 Scotia that we are so bankrupt morally that we have to  
13 get ourselves in this situation, make all kinds of  
14 allegations, try to destroy peoples' characters, just --  
15 everything becomes politics here. And quite frankly,  
16 people used to laugh when I said, "I hate politics."  
17 Well, maybe you understand what I mean, because I don't  
18 see it getting better. I see it getting worse.

19 I only wish that we never heard of Westray. I only  
20 wish that it didn't happen. If there was any way through  
21 hindsight that we could have looked at this, believe me,  
22 there would be never any mine ever started in Pictou  
23 County. The trouble is that we don't have the benefit of  
24 hindsight. And I'm not sure that we've learned all the  
25 lessons because of this swirl of media attention and