

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MAYOR PORTER

1 about 1980, I believe, with Brinco, and so from then on,  
2 it was, I suppose, it was -- anyone that asked certainly  
3 knew that they had the rights to those areas.

4 Q. But contractual confirmation was given or  
5 contractual arrangements were made with government for  
6 this total operation. And to my knowledge, it was never  
7 indicated to the local people that there would be a mine  
8 in Plymouth and simultaneously a strip mine in  
9 Stellarton. Am I correct there?

10 A. Well, I don't know who made the announcement or  
11 what, but I mean, I think it's pretty reasonable to  
12 expect if you're going to have a coal company come in,  
13 you have to give them access to coal.

14 Q. Yes, yes.

15 A. That's what -- the business they're in.

16 Q. Yes, but there's a lot of coal here. Some of it is  
17 close to the surface and some of it is very deep.

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. What communications were carried on between  
20 government department and the Town of Stellarton in  
21 regard to this strip mine in Stellarton?

22 A. Well, you're in a perfect position to answer that  
23 question. You're the Mayor of Stellarton, aren't you?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. Well, then maybe you could answer that question and