

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MAYOR PORTER

1 they were privy to the coal?

2 A. Because you have the rights of the territory. Then
3 there's certain procedures after that you must apply for.
4 You must apply for a mining permit when you actually go
5 in to mine the coal. But in terms of the area that
6 you're entitled to, that's established when the company
7 comes in.

8 Q. Mr. Cameron, from your advisors within Government
9 and Novaco and the Department of Mines and the Department
10 of Mineral Resources and others, were you aware of the
11 relative costs between the producing coal in Plymouth and
12 in Stellarton?

13 A. No, I don't have those figures.

14 Q. Was there any special recommendations given to
15 government by Novaco in relation to that coal?

16 A. I couldn't answer that.

17 Q. I see. From records furnished, it indicates that it
18 was a matter of discussion with Curragh and the
19 government departments that before they would undertake
20 or buy the Suncor interest that rights to the surface
21 coal would have to be a part of their commitment from
22 government. If that commitment had been made many years
23 before, why would that be necessary to redo?

24 A. To make sure that they had the same commitment made
25 to other companies. As again, you're not going to get a