

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MAYOR PORTER

1 could not get the information. We had to seek outside
2 consultants to get that information, which we did. And,
3 of course, that's when we realized what a basis we had
4 for apprehension.

5 A. I believe the Town of Stellarton supported the
6 opening of this mine and, in fact --

7 Q. Mr. Cameron, please --

8 A. -- all the Mayors and Wardens at the time asked
9 Elmer MacKay to make arrangements for a trip to Ottawa to
10 support this project. And I --

11 COMMISSIONER That was in the evidence, Mr. Cameron.

12 MAYOR PORTER Mr. Commissioner, please. What was
13 supported was a deep coal mine in Plymouth and never a
14 strip mine in Stellarton. Our first knowledge of a strip
15 mine in Stellarton came from the Daily News several years
16 later.

17 A. But the Inquiry --

18 Q. With that I will --

19 A. -- is about the deep mine, isn't it, Commissioner?

20 COMMISSIONER Thank you. Pardon? Well, I think that's
21 the --

22 A. The Inquiry is about the deep mine.

23 COMMISSIONER -- that's your -- that's the extent of
24 your questioning, is it?

25 MAYOR PORTER Exactly. Exactly.