

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. WELLS

1 as best I could. And some people said that we were doing  
2 too much, that this program of reform was so radical  
3 that, you know, it was upsetting people, but -- and I  
4 don't mean that in a nasty way when I say. I'm sure that  
5 you must have talked to someone, but at least I wish I  
6 had the opportunity to hear that because I think it would  
7 have been a benefit to all of us.

8 Q. Well, certainly we don't have the records to get  
9 into a debate or to dispute those remarks, but maybe you  
10 could tell us if there was anything that you did while  
11 you were in Government to try to improve the protection  
12 for workers?

13 A. Well, Mr. Wells, I'd have to go back and go through  
14 all the changes during that time. And I could, I  
15 suppose, if I had time.

16 Q. Would that also include the negative changes of  
17 staff not being replaced as they retired?

18 A. On what period of time, Mr. Wells, do you speak of?

19 Q. During the period of -- starting with 1986, when the  
20 Act was put in place, up and to 1992, when the -- before  
21 the mine exploded.

22 A. Well, in 1986 I wasn't even in Cabinet, so I  
23 wouldn't be aware of that. And in 1988, April, I was in  
24 Cabinet, but I was in the Department of Industry. So,  
25 again, it wouldn't be something that would be brought to