

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. WELLS

1 health and safety officers to protect the workers?

2 A. I'm not sure about that, Mr. Wells; I don't have the
3 figures on that.

4 Q. Were you aware that while you Premier of the
5 Province the Executive Director of Occupational Health
6 and Safety had a drinking problem on the job?

7 A. Not when I was -- not when I was -- after the fact I
8 heard that allegation made. I want to repeat that.
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10 Q. You put a review in place to look into the policies
11 and the legislation of the Province after the explosion?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Would it surprise you that the consensus between the
14 employers and the employees was often difficult because
15 the Department staff was entrenched with cost-cutting and
16 the Department's hands being tied by their interpretation
17 of the internal responsibility system?

18 A. I'm not -- I'm not aware of that, Mr. Wells. But I
19 don't think we can run this province by everyone saying,
20 "If I don't get more money, we can't do that." You know,
21 We can't have our health care system run that way. We
22 can't have our Labour Department run that way. We can't
23 have any department run that way. We live in a financial
24 reality that that's just not good enough. We had to find
25 ways to do the job with less money.