

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. ROBERTS

1 A. And the environment of the area, too.

2 Q. Yes. Fair enough. It was an important project and
3 you were willing to commit a fair amount of public money
4 to it, correct?

5 A. A reasonable amount.

6 Q. Now, at the same time that you were directing this
7 money to the Westray Mine, your Government was reducing
8 the staff of the inspectorate in the Department of
9 Labour. Are you aware of that?

10 A. I'm not sure of that, no.

11 Q. Well, the evidence is, and it came from Claude White
12 and from other sources, that the Supervisor of Mine
13 Inspectors, Mr. Colin MacDonald, who himself was an
14 experienced miner, retired in the fall of 1991 and was
15 not replaced. Are you aware of that?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Okay. His position was left vacant, in any event.
18 Now the evidence -- Mr. White's evidence also was, sir,
19 that as Director of Mine Safety he asked for another
20 inspector in order that that person would give special
21 attention to the Westray Mine. Are you aware of that?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. Are you aware that your inspectors employed
24 by the Department of Labour asked for consultants in
25 order to provide them with expert advice?