

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. ROBERTS

1 A. I've heard that through the Inquiry.

2 Q. You weren't aware of that at the time?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Okay. Are you aware that your inspectors weren't  
5 even able to get trips to Alberta in order to see a  
6 mining operation similar to the one that Westray was  
7 implementing?

8 A. I'm not aware of that, no.

9 Q. I'll suggest to you, sir, that these facts, coupled  
10 with the financial support that your Government provided  
11 to this mine, show that you valued financial assistance  
12 to Westray more than taking steps to protect the health  
13 and safety of the employees of that mine.

14 A. That's just silly talk. That's silly talk. If you  
15 think that any elected person in Nova Scotia puts more  
16 emphasis on money than the health and safety of the  
17 worker, I feel sorry for you, I really do.

18 Q. Did it occur to you or anyone in your Government,  
19 sir, that the Westray Mine would put demands on the  
20 inspectorate that it may not be able to meet with its  
21 current resources?

22 A. I wasn't aware of that. I'm not sure that was  
23 true.

24 Q. Well, that's --

25 A. That's your statement.