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1 to the mine. Can you elaborate on that, why did you have
2 that belief?

3 A. Well, anybody that lived in Nova Scotia that read a
4 newspaper back then would know there was political
5 connotations involved in Westray. I mean, it was brought
6 up in the Legislature on a daily basis. It was -- you
7 know, unless you were illiterate or whatever, you knew
8 there was politics involved.

9 Q. So, basically, your information comes from reading
10 the news -- newspapers --

11 A. Well, it was --

12 Q. -- and the media?

13 A. It was Donald Cameron's riding, Elmer MacKay's
14 riding, and the Minister of Mines' riding and they all
15 wanted it to go. So it wouldn't -- you didn't have to be
16 a rocket scientist to figure out what was going on there.

17 Q. All right.

18 A. They promoted it as the alternative energy source
19 for the Province of Nova Scotia, low sulphur coal to
20 replace high sulphur coal. In fact, the day of Trenton 6
21 opening, Premier Cameron cut the ribbon and stated,
22 "Look, no smoke coming, clean Pictou County coal," being
23 well aware that it was Cape Breton coal they were burning
24 because they had not delivered any coal from Westray to
25 the site as of that time.