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1 the same thing should have happened at Point Tupper where
2 they have a very serious pollution problem. And that's
3 what should have happened and, in fact, that would have
4 increased the usage of that mine.

5 And, instead, they forced this internal trade
6 barrier within our province so that couldn't happen, that
7 not one pound of coal could go across the causeway.
8 Again, it wasn't very farsighted on their part because,
9 by blending coal, you could save millions of dollars for
10 the use of electricity, and you could have helped the
11 environment in both places.

12 They told the Federal Government that this mine was
13 going to make so much money it didn't need federal
14 assistance at all. At the same time, they were telling
15 our officials in Nova Scotia that this was a very
16 marginal project.

17 And then they said, "Well, we will go out and we
18 will get an outside consultant to agree with it." So
19 they went out and got Clarkson Gordon, and they said,
20 "Clarkson Gordon agrees with our figures." But the
21 company said, "Well, we will go out and get an outside
22 consultant," and they got Price Waterhouse. But the
23 Cabinet was never told about the other consultant.

24 They told the Cabinet that we need a signed deal, we
25 needed some commitment for Devco with the Power