

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. -- tell me.

2 A. -- showboat. Don't showboat. You know, that's kind
3 of nonsense. "A couple of holes in the ground."

4 Q. But isn't --

5 A. There's companies --

6 Q. -- this what your Deputy --

7 A. There's companies --

8 Q. -- Minister --

9 A. -- looked for years at that low sulphur coal. It's
10 a real asset and there's lots of companies looked at it.
11 They're out there digging the same coal right now. Why
12 do you think they're digging it? Because it's an asset.
13 It's being sold every day to the Power Corporation, the
14 Foord seam. As we sit here right now, it's being mined.
15 So don't tell me that there was a couple of holes in the
16 ground --

17 COMMISSIONER Mr. Cameron --

18 A. -- there was no --

19 COMMISSIONER Mr. Cameron. Mr. Cameron, nobody is
20 showboating in this inquiry. We are here trying to get
21 at the truth of what happened that contributed to or
22 caused the May 9th disaster. I know you're after that
23 too. And it's totally counter-productive for you to be
24 accusing counsel of showboating or anything like that.
25 We are not doing that.