## MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

- 1 A. Well, I mean, that's allegation has been made so,
- 2 you know, I'm aware of it through the Inquiry process.
- 3 But those words, I'm not sure if that's -- if those are
- 4 the exact words that the officials from the Department
- 5 agreed to or not, so -- because I didn't hear them.
- 6 Q. You weren't -- you say that you were aware of some
- of their ground problems, ground control problems?
- 8 A. I heard about it in the paper. I mean, I was
- 9 concerned. I talked to Gerald about it too, and he
- 10 assured me the experts they were taking in, they were
- 11 going to deal with it. And then I asked him -- even
- 12 other people and they tell me that roof conditions is
- something that all mines have, every mine, and that it's
- part of the process. And when I look at the roof
- 15 conditions at DEVCO over the last two or three years, I'm
- 16 starting to realize now that is part of the hazards of
- 17 mining.
- 18 Q. When did you become aware that they were
- 19 experiencing these problems?
- 20 A. When the first one fell.
- 21 Q. And can you place that in point of time for me as to
- 22 your recollection?
- 23 A. No, it was in the paper. It was a big issue. Mr.
- 24 Boudreau raised it in the House. I mean, it was a big
- 25 issue.