

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. ROBERTS

1 A. -- to boot.

2 Q. Are you also aware, sir, of the evidence here that
3 on April the 29th three Provincial inspectors viewed that
4 stopping, and that previous to that the Westray Mine's
5 ventilation engineer had reported that the stopping had
6 buckled? Are you aware of that evidence?

7 A. No, I'm not.

8 Q. Okay. And I guess you would not disagree with me
9 from what you've just said, that whatever the source of
10 ignition in the Southwest section, whether it was a
11 continuous miner, or whether it was a bolter, that the
12 ignition would not have triggered a methane explosion in
13 thereby a coal dust explosion without there being
14 excessive methane in the roadways, layering in the
15 roadways, and without there being excessive coal dust in
16 the mine?

17 A. Well, with putting black plastic in the vent pipes,
18 there would have been areas --

19 Q. Mr. Cameron, please --

20 A. -- that wouldn't have been ventilated properly.

21 Q. Mr. Cameron, that's not my question. Excessive --

22 A. Well, you don't like the answer.

23 Q. -- methane layering in the roof of the mine, leaking
24 from the Southwest district, the abandoned district, and
25 excessive coal dust. Without those factors, the ignition