

8. The Committee gave consideration to section 65 of the Financial Administration Act and section 74 of the Civil Service Act and the opinion expressed by previous Committees that consideration should be given to amending section 65 of the Financial Administration Act so as to authorize that the Auditor General recruit and manage his own staff with the approval of the Treasury Board, and that in the meantime the Civil Service Commission should immediately reconsider its position with respect to section 74 of the Civil Service Act since the Committees were convinced that the special character of the Auditor General's work requires that this be done.

9. As the Committee was advised that no action had been taken by the Executive to implement this recommendation in whole or in part since it was last made on February 5, 1963, the Auditor General and the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission were asked to explore the problem further and to report back to the Committee on November 22, 1963. On that date they jointly advised the Committee as follows:

- (1) The Auditor General and the Civil Service Commission have reached agreement on the steps to be taken to achieve the objectives of the Auditor General in the area of recruitment, selection and negotiation with candidates for positions in his Office. While giving the Auditor General freedom to recruit staff, these steps contemplate adherence to the basic personnel policies and standards sought for the Canadian public service by the Civil Service Commission, and the Auditor General has accepted the responsibility to see that this is maintained through the medium of effective liaison.
- (2) In order to facilitate the achievement of these objectives, the Civil Service Commission is seconding a senior employee from its staff to the staff of the Auditor General to handle his staff and administrative matters.

10. The Committee expressed its satisfaction at this arrangement whereby the Auditor General will in future be permitted to recruit and manage the staff of his Office, with the approval of the Treasury Board, and asked him to advise the Committee whether or not this arrangement is functioning to his satisfaction and enabling him to recruit such officers and employees as are necessary for him to perform his duties.

The Form of the Public Accounts

11. The Committee expressed satisfaction that the Public Accounts volumes for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1961 had been arranged in the manner recommended by the Committee in its Fifth Report 1961 and that these improvements had been continued in the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1962.

12. The Committee noted that further consideration might be given to summarizing or reducing a number of the detailed listings in the Public Accounts so as to present more significant and relevant information to Parliament. It also felt that consideration might usefully be given to the inclusion of additional important information along lines suggested by the Auditor General.

13. As time has not permitted consideration of the foregoing by any sub-committee convened for the purpose, the Committee recommends that this be undertaken during the next session of Parliament.

The Form and Content of the Estimates

14. A Sub-Committee was appointed on November 15, 1963 under the chairmanship of Mr. Ian G. Wahn to confer with officers of the Treasury Board and the Auditor General to review the form and content of the Estimates, includ-