

## EVIDENCE

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● (11:05 a.m.)

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we now have a quorum.

We are now discussing the Auditor General's report, 1964, and we are on page 6, Item No. 11, and I will ask Mr. Henderson, the Auditor General, to proceed unless there is some other thing to be discussed.

Mr. BALDWIN: I must apologize for not being present at the last meeting. I was in Peace River in attendance with the Lieutenant Governor there.

I brought up a matter at the first meeting and I should have brought it to the attention of the committee at the last meeting, which I missed. Now I think it falls right in line with what the Auditor General was discussing with us earlier and that is the difficulty in connection with the recruiting of staff generally. I asked him a question at our first meeting on the procedure followed in other Commonwealth countries and whether or not the Auditor General had ever had an opportunity to discuss our particular problem, if it had been brought to their attention and if it had ever been the subject of any discussion. Now it might well be that some of these discussions could have been of a confidential nature, but I would ask the Auditor General if he is able at this time to answer the question which I raised at the first meeting.

Mr. THOMAS (*Middlesex West*): It was decided, I understood, that the Auditor General would go through this 1964 report as rapidly as possible and we should pass any of these items which appear again in the 1965 report and pick them up when we consider the 1965 report. In that way we could finish the 1964 report as quickly as possible.

Now if this matter of staff appears again in the 1965 report why should we not pass right over it now? We could go more carefully and deliberately through the 1965 report and deal with these matters then, rather than spend a great deal of time on the 1964 report when we have to face these matters again in the 1965 report.

Mr. BALDWIN: I think it is a good point, Mr. Chairman. I was not trying to initiate a discussion. It is simply that I asked Mr. Henderson this question. At the first meeting he did not have the answer. This was a delayed question and I would now ask for the answer. I did not intend, Mr. Chairman, to initiate a discussion. I would just like the information now.

An hon. MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, could I just say—

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winch was next.

An hon. MEMBER: Could I just add that there is no simultaneous translation taking place at the present time, unless the equipment is failing.