

the present Auditor General for notifying the Government of the condition of affairs which existed, and it was only from his correspondence and his notification that we have been able to investigate these matters and get them before the public; and we all hope the result will be that good will come out of this matter. Certainly the present Auditor General is entitled to a very large part of the credit for the resolution we are passing and for the good resolutions which every member of Parliament must have made on account of what has taken place here in the last few weeks.

Mr. NICKLE: I am perfectly willing to give to the Auditor General every credit, but I am not prepared to go back on what I said the other night, that I think it is unfortunate he did not feel it incumbent upon himself to draw the attention of the Government to the weaknesses of his position. I have every appreciation of the difficulties of the civil servant, but certainly I think that when there is a change of Government it is the Auditor General's duty to draw the attention of the incoming ministry to any weaknesses there may be in his administrative branch. I do not want to censure him in any way, but I think his position would have been stronger to-day if he had taken such steps three years ago. I appreciate his work, but I am not prepared to go so far as to say that he is entirely blameless.

Motion of Mr. Nickle, as amended, carried.

The CHAIRMAN: I beg to thank you all for the care and assiduity with which you fulfilled your public duties.

Committee adjourned.