

wise for the Government to consider the advisability of taking power under this Bill or some other to enable the department to deal with that matter, because if they are bound to take to-day's values when they make the valuation it is plain that great havoc will be worked and great injustice done without conferring protection on any person.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The point raised by my hon. friend is important. I cannot say at the moment whether or not it has engaged the attention of the Minister of Finance. I shall take an immediate opportunity of bringing it to his attention. I entirely agree in the suggestion that some steps should be taken to prevent a false impression being created by reason of the extraordinary conditions in which we are now placed.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: As I understand the drafting of this Bill, it is a permanent statute, not a temporary statute. I did not think that was the intention.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Section 4, which is the important section, provides:

In case of war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, and in case of any real or apprehended financial crisis, the Governor in Council may, by proclamation published in the Canada Gazette,—

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Then, if there should be a war next year this law would apply?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Yes.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I thought the intention of the Bill was to have it temporary, simply for this war and not for any other war that may arise in the future. We have had no war for one hundred years in which we have had to take a part, and I hope it will be another hundred years before we have another. I did not understand that it was intended to keep this law upon the statute-book.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We shall let the Bill stand in the committee until a later hour. I would move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again this day.

Progress reported.

#### WAR APPROPRIATION (\$50,000,000) BILL.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, Bill No. 3, for granting to His Majesty aid for military and naval defence, was read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Blondin in the Chair.

[Mr. Graham.]

On section 2—payment of \$50,000,000 may be made:

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: As has already been explained, by the Order in Council which has been brought down, the proposal is, in the first place, to make provision for such portion of the active militia of Canada as may be called out for the actual defence of our own shores, both on the Atlantic and the Pacific, and elsewhere in Canada, wherever there may be apprehension of invasion or attack of any kind during the progress of the present war. In the next place, it is proposed, in accordance with arrangements which are set forth in the Order in Council brought down, that a division, comprising about 22,318 men, shall be provided by voluntary enlistment, for the purpose of aiding and co-operating with the troops of His Majesty in the field of operations. The Order in Council states certain particulars with regard to the force, and I have other details under my hand which I shall give to the committee if desired. The actual cost of equipping a force and maintaining it for the period of one year, that is, the total cost of equipment, pay and maintenance, is estimated at about \$1,000 per man. I have the details of the equipment required and I am ready to give such further information as the committee may desire, so far as I have it available.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: This provision of \$50,000,000 is distributed under four heads:

- (a) the defence and security of Canada;
- (b) the conduct of naval and military operations in or beyond Canada;
- (c) promoting the continuance of trade, industry and business communications whether by means of insurance or indemnity against war risk or otherwise; and
- (d) the carrying out of any measures deemed necessary or advisable by the Governor in Council in consequence of the existence of a state of war.

I think it advisable that we should take up each of these heads and have it explained somewhat in detail. First of all, the defence and security of Canada. This comprises the equipment and maintenance of the Niobe, the Rainbow and such other ships as we have. That would come under the Department of Naval Affairs. It comprises also the purchase of the two submarines which we were told of the other day and their equipment. I do not know whether these two items include all that is intended to be expended under this head. If more is to be expended we would like to know the amount which is to be appro-