

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. I am sure the hon. member for West Ontario (Mr. Edgar) does not intend to speak seriously when he says that the Bay of Quinté is part of Lake Ontario. Every school child in the province is taught that the Bay of Quinté is a distinct water from Lake Ontario.

Mr. EDGAR. What about the Bay of Toronto?

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. That may be taught in Toronto, but it shows that the hon. gentleman has forgotten what he has learned when he contends that the Bay of Quinté is part of Lake Ontario. A comparison between the Bay of Toronto and the Bay of Quinté is about the same as a comparison between a mouse and an elephant.

Mr. MULLOCK. You are at sea.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. Certainly the Bay of Quinté is not a part of Lake Ontario.

Mr. BURDETT. There are certain arms of Lake Ontario which might well be considered minor waters, such as what are called the East and West Lakes. There was a boat running on the West Lake from Wellington to what is called the Sand Bank. No one would want a master for that boat who would be competent to manage a sea-going vessel, the distance being only a mile or two miles at the outside, and any man who was sober and in his right mind would be able to manage a vessel of that kind, with the assistance of a proper engineer. Of course, the Bay of Quinté cannot be considered part of Lake Ontario. You might as well say that the Atlantic Ocean is part of Lake Ontario because the waters of Lake Ontario flow into it.

Mr. BOWELL. The East Bay and the West Bay are parts of Lake Ontario, and the most dangerous part of navigation is in those places. It is true that, towards Weller's Bay, there was a sand bank, but it has been washed away, and now, as the hon. gentleman knows, the water is 15 to 20 feet deep. The crossing of these waters would not require a certified master in the ordinary way, but in a storm it is more dangerous to navigate there than in the middle of the lake, and requires masters who understand navigation more than if they were navigating from Toronto to Kingston.

Mr. BURDETT. I am only giving this as an example. I think the Minister of Marine should have power given by the statute to give certificates for a master for a particular place, and he should know the facts as to the dangerous nature of the water and grant the certificates accordingly. I think the Minister should have power to grant certificates according to the danger of the water.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. I agree with the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Burdett) that the law should be more elastic, and that it should not be bound down by these expressions, which the Minister cannot change after this becomes law. The Minister should have the power to change the certificates according to the difficulty of navigating in East or West Lake, or in the Bay of Quinté, or in Lake Ontario or Lake Superior. All these Acts in regard to masters of vessels are being made too strict and iron-bound, and they prevent the Minister from making them applicable to different parts of the country. I agree with the hon. member for East Hastings in that respect.

Mr. EDGAR. I do not think it is desirable to set up the Minister of Marine or the member for
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Frontenac (Mr. Kirkpatrick) as an authority on geography for all time to come. We ought to settle this question here. The member for Frontenac says the Bay of Quinté is not a part of Lake Ontario.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. Your friend from East Hastings (Mr. Burdett) says the same.

Mr. EDGAR. Then I should like to know if the harbour of Toronto, the harbour of Hamilton, and other harbours all along, are part of Lake Ontario or Lake Erie, or what they are? I think we should try to make an exception in this case, and make this not a minor water, but to have a certificate either of service or of competency of a higher grade for Lake Ontario, than, for example, Lake Simcoe. Let us, if we can, put in some clause which provides that the bays, arms and harbours on these lakes shall not be deemed to be part of such lakes.

Mr. CHARLTON. I think we had better have a committee to make some geographical definitions. We seem to be very much at sea, and I must say that I think my hon. friend from Frontenac (Mr. Kirkpatrick) is a better authority on military matters than on naval matters, so far as he has spoken of naval matters to-day. The contention that an indentation or arm of a body of water, such as the Bay of Quinté, leading into Lake Ontario, is not a part of the water of that lake, seems to me to be rather absurd. It must be classed as a part of the water of Lake Ontario, as Thunder Bay is a part of the water of Lake Superior.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. Then, on that theory, the River St. Lawrence, which flows into the Atlantic Ocean, is part of the Atlantic Ocean.

Mr. CHARLTON. No.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. Yes; it flows into the ocean in the same way. The Bay of Quinté runs 70 miles inland; it is a distinct and different body of water, and is not properly a part of Lake Ontario, as we usually mean when we speak of that lake.

Mr. CHARLTON. The Amazon is not a part of the Atlantic Ocean, the St. Lawrence is not a part of the Atlantic Ocean, or a part of Lake Ontario. The St. Lawrence is a distinct strait or river connected with other larger bodies of water. But the Bay of Quinté does not connect Lake Ontario with some other body of water; it is simply an arm of Lake Ontario.

Mr. BOWELL. No; it empties into Lake Ontario.

Mr. FRASER. I do not see any necessity for an Act of this kind at all. It seems to me an absurd idea to go to the trouble of examining a man and giving him a certificate to sail on every little pond such as this Act is supposed to apply to. Coming from the sea coast as I do, I cannot understand it. I can see a smile on the face of the Minister himself. I think he has introduced this Act to satisfy the prejudices of people who live near lakes and ponds. We are spending a lot of time about an Act which should be withdrawn. For my own part, I can see no necessity for it. I should suppose that any person who wanted to sail on ponds of this kind; would be allowed to do so without a certificate.

Mr. TUPPER. I think we might go on with the rest of the Bill. The only change in the next