

which are now in the Marine and Fisheries Department. That is the only change.

Mr. SPROULE. But you have formed another department, and the officers of that department must be put under some classification, I assume. Will it not be necessary that that shall be done either under the Civil Service Act or by some provision in this Act?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No, because they come under the same classification that they are under to-day. There is no change whatever except that instead of being in the Marine Department they will be in the Naval Department.

Mr. J. D. REID. I cannot see the object of transferring men from the Marine Department, as I take for granted that the staff there now are all required for the Marine Department.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. There is now the Fisheries Protective Service, which is a complete branch by itself. That branch as a whole is transferred to this new department. There is no change other than that.

Mr. J. D. REID. Then all the vessels called fisheries protective vessels will be in this naval service?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. Yes.

Mr. J. D. REID. Including those on the upper lakes?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. Yes, everywhere.

Mr. J. D. REID. In case officials of the Militia Department knowing something about military work are required in this Naval Department, there is no method of transferring them. The Minister of Militia is not taking power in this Bill to give these officials a chance in this new service; he sits idly by and does not attempt to protect them. I think the militiamen should be looked after a little better. The Prime Minister is looking well after the Marine and Fisheries Department, and all the patronage has to go through that department. I think this is unfair to the militia, and they should understand that they are not getting a chance in this new department. The Prime Minister has not given me an answer to the question I asked this afternoon about the cost of the upkeep of the steamship 'Niobe.'

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The hon. gentleman is not half as badly off as I am, because there are about a dozen questions which I asked which have not yet been answered.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I am glad to be able to answer the question of my hon. friend the leader of the opposition, and,

perhaps, in so doing, I shall answer the question of my hon friend from Grenville also. With regard to the question about the drydocks, we have paid \$10,000 for the Halifax drydock and have been paying for two years. The admiralty simply asked when we would take the Esquimalt drydock, and the reply was that it would be convenient to do so after the Navy Bill was passed and there would be money for its upkeep as a naval yard.

Mr. SPROULE. How many new officials is it anticipated will be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It is anticipated—and provision will be made in the supplementary estimates for that purpose—the Navy Department will be composed as follows:

Office of	Deputy Head.						Total.
		1-B.	2-A.	2-B.	3-A.	3-B. Messengers.	
Deputy Minister	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Accountant	1	1	1	1	1	2	5
Director of Stores	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Records and Correspondence	1	2	2	2	2	5	5
Director of Gunnery	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Chief of Staff	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Naval Engineer	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Director Naval Service	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Messengers	1	2	3	9	2	9	28

Mr. SPROULE. Will the Civil Service Act apply to these various classes in this new department without any amendment to the law or any provision in this Bill to bring them under it?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It will apply to these. Of course, several officers of special qualifications will be appointed. All the clerks, etc., will be appointed under the provisions of the Civil Service Act, that is, by competition.

Mr. J. D. REID. The Prime Minister has not answered my question with regard to the estimated cost of the upkeep of the steamship 'Niobe.'

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The approximate upkeep of the Niobe for one year is as follows: Cost of nucleus crew and training personnel, \$267,000; victualling and medicine, \$60,000; clothing gratuity, \$15,000; upkeep, \$140,000; total, \$482,000.

Mr. J. D. REID. That includes fuel?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes, that includes coal.