

WAR VESSELS ON THE GREAT LAKES—  
*Con.**Foster, Hon. Geo. E.*—*Con.*

ment, there is today a very considerable naval force maintained by the U. S., 795. Quotes the British minister on the Nashville. State naval militia reserve on the lakes, 796. Neither party justified in going beyond the terms of the treaty as long as it exists, 797. This is a state of things which evidently ought not to exist, 798. Quotes the statement of the minister of marine at the imperial conference. The government have knowledge, 799. Any such armament should be maintained in accord with treaty arrangements, 800.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—800.

The agreement has been in existence nearly a hundred years and has served a very good purpose, 800. The condition of things such that we ought to be very careful what we do. Such papers as can be shall be brought down, 801.

## WATERWAYS COMMITTEE.

Inquiry, Mr. G. V. White, 3390.

*White, G. V.* (North Renfrew)—3390.

Asks when the committee will meet, 3390.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Premier)—3390.

Will call the attention of the chairman to it, 3390.

## WATER CARRIAGE OF GOODS.

Bill 25 in committee, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, 8004.

*Barker, S.* (Hamilton)—8016.

It is rather a question for the law clerk to consider, 8016.

*Borden, R. L.* (Halifax)—8004.

Asks where this Bill differs from the previous Bill, 8004. Under the common law the carrier is an absolute insurer, 8021. Such considerations have never tended very much to prevent acts of great negligence, 8022.

*Bureau, Hon. Jacques* (Solicitor General)—8004.

The object of the Bill is to restrict the contracting power of a ship owner, 8004. When he delivers the exact number of pieces he receives he will be relieved from liability, 8005. Has had a talk with Doherty since recess, 8015. Is told that it is a qualifying phrase to be taken with the rest of the section, 8016. That might be possible but not probable, 8018. Asks if the liability in the Revised Statutes is new, 8019. This Bill practically the result of a compromise between the two parties, 8022. The law will remain as it is in the revised

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statutes, 8023. It is shifting the burden of proof, 8024. That is the same amendment, 8027.

*Daniel, J. W.* (St. John City)—8019.

There was not one of these gentlemen who objected to the inclusion of fire, 8019. They had all opportunity of hearing the various matters argued before them, 8020. The freight trade is now being carried by ships sailing under foreign flags, 8021.

*Clarke, A. H.* (South Essex)—8006.

A dangerous thing to place the owner of a cargo entirely at the mercy of any employee, 8006.

*Doherty, C. J.* (Montreal, St. Anne)—8009.

A shipowner a carrier in precisely the same sense as a railway company, 8009. The effect of the section is to create an exceptional position for the shipowner, 8010. The House ought not to adopt this legislation on that supposition, 8011. Doubts if it was intended that section 6 should be concluded in these words, 8012. It is not a question of contracting himself out of anything, 8013. An accident might be his fault unless he had taken proper precautions to avoid it, 8013. It should be dealt with now and its provisions read as follow, 8014. That would bring the wording back to that of section 2 of chapter 82, 8015. Section 964 merely purported to revise and reproduce the dispositions of subsection 6, 8017. In the revision of the statute it was not intended to so alter the law, 8018. The result is to produce a most unwarrantable condition of the law, 8019. You may send him to the penitentiary for the crime of arson, 8021. Then fires do not always destroy the whole vessel, 8022. No objection to letting it stand, 8023. Thinks it his duty to submit his amendment, 8024. The result of the amendment would be to strike out letter (a) simply, 8025. That is only a necessary consequence of the other one, 8027.

*Lancaster, E. A.* (Lincoln and Niagara)—8005.

That is hardly the amendment. If there is a latent defect, 8005. Then the owner could say I used due diligence to make the ships seamorthy, 8006.

*Macdonald, E. M.* (Pictou)—8011.

We are not doing anything that is unfair to either party, 8011.

*Martin, A. M.* (North Wellington)—8008.

It cost a great deal more to insure under that clause than under the ordinary clause, 8008; this Bill will afford a degree of protection to them, 8009. It is not clear, read the clause, 8025.