

BUDGET SPEECH

OF THE

HON. TREASURER OF QUEBEC.

NOVEMBER 29TH, 1870.

AFTER RECESS.

When the House resumed business at eight o'clock, two Bills of a private nature were passed through Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON then moved the House into Committee of Supply. In doing so, he said :

MR. SPEAKER,—Custom has rendered indispensable, under a free system of Government like ours, that on making a motion that the House go into Committee of Supply, a full and clear exposition should be made for the information of the House and Country, of the expenditure of the Supply previously granted by the Legislature, for public purposes. Of the amount of cash received and the sources from which collections have been made, it will be expected that I will give to the House every information. It is also and very properly too, expected that I should give the House clearly to understand the sources from which our revenues are expected to come, and the uses to which these revenues are to be applied during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, and also to give to the House and the Country, as definite an idea as I can of our present standing and future prospects.

While endeavouring to give such information on these points as I can, I trust I may claim the indulgence of the House, feeling, as I do, my inability to express in as clear and lucid a manner as I could wish, the facts in relation to past transactions, and my views and opinions on our present standing and future prospects.