

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF THE
HONORABLE A. M. ROSS.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

TORONTO, Thursday, 14th February, 1889.

HON. MR. ROSS spoke as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,—The annual statement of the financial operations of the Province, which it is the established custom of the Treasurer to present at each Session, is always looked forward to with interest by both sides of the House; by gentlemen on this side supporting the Government with an anxious desire that the statement presented may be of such a satisfactory character as will justify the confidence they have felt in the Government, and by hon. gentlemen opposite, with a watchful eager criticism which is to be expected from Her Majesty's loyal Opposition, and a prompt challenge of anything that may be in their opinion open to investigation; particularly do they scan closely the receipts and expenditure to see if the actual transactions of the year bear out the forecast made by the Treasurer in the previous Session, whom they generally accuse of taking too favorable a view of the probable results of the year's transactions.