

ADDENDUM.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, MARCH 26th, 1879.

Mr. TILLEY: When submitting, for the consideration of this House, the propositions of the Government relative to the proposed changes in the tariff, I felt the question was one of such magnitude and importance, that I might justly be pardoned if I did not occupy the attention of the House, on that occasion, with references that had been made by my predecessor affecting the policy of the Government of which I had the honour of being Finance Minister up to 1873. I did make some reference to remarks that had been made by that hon. gentleman in speeches at St. John and elsewhere, and I made them, Sir, I think, in a parliamentary spirit, as I trust I will ever make my remarks to this House, or any other assembly of the kind. I felt I had made them in a manner such as would produce a response from the hon. gentleman in a corresponding spirit. I regret that the hon. member did not meet me exactly in that spirit, and if, in the course of the remarks I make this evening, though they will be perfectly parliamentary, still, if I should be a little more pointed in my remarks, and a little more energetic in the way I address myself to him, I trust the House will pardon me. In the first place, I have but little to say to the hon. gentleman after what was said by my colleague the hon. member for Cumberland. I think that many of the fallacious statements, that many of the statements that are not borne out by the public records of the House of Commons, were answered promptly, fully and satisfactorily by my hon. friend. But still, Sir, there is a matter that does not appear to be quite settled, and which I would like to have settled. It is, Mr. Speaker, whether the statement I submitted, in 1873, in reference to the expenditure and income of 1873-74, whether the propositions I made were of the outrageous and unjustifiable nature that had been stated by the hon. gentleman. If we take his statement as

reliable in every respect, I have committed a grave offence; I have made propositions, as far as expenditure was concerned, far in excess of any reasonable expectation. But I think, Sir, I will be able to show that, had the Government, of which I had the honour of being a member at that time, remained in power, I think I shall be able to show, from the public records, and from the statements he and his colleagues have submitted to the House of Commons, that, with the tariff in existence in 1872, without any increase, it would have been sufficient to meet the expenditure.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT: No.

Mr. TILLEY: Well, let us come to the law and the testimony. I find, Mr. Speaker, that the revenue received for 1873-74 was \$24,205,092. There was a good deal of discussion in 1874, between my hon. friend the member for Cumberland, and the then Finance Minister, as to the amount collected in that year, and that properly belonged to it, or rather collected in that year, and properly belonging to the year following. I want to call the attention of this House to the statement made by my predecessor the other night. What was it? He said that the members of the Government and Finance Minister had not kept their counsel, as he said they ought to have kept it, the public were made aware of the intentions of the Government, and the result was that, within one month, the total amount collected in February, 1874, was but half the amount collected in February, 1879. I want that to be borne in mind. I estimated that \$850,000 of the receipts of this year belonged properly to the next year. The extra revenue of this year is, according to his own statement, double what it was in 1873-74. If that be the case, and my estimate is correct, there could not have been \$1,000,000 of the revenue of 1873-74 properly credited to 1874-75.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT: The hon. gentleman has quoted me incorrectly, and, if he will allow me, I will tell him what

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