

FINANCES OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

BUDGET SPEECH

DELIVERED BY

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IN

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA,

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Mr. McLELAN. Mr. Speaker: In moving that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, I desire, as has been customary, to make some statements respecting the position of our accounts. This duty has for a number of years been discharged by one who has made fiscal matters a life study, and whose clear and able statements commanded the admiration of the House and the confidence of the country. I am sure that all in this House will join with me in expressing deep regret that the condition of Sir Leonard Tilley's health has compelled his withdrawal, at least for a time, from the more active duties of public life, and I am sure also that I but give expression to the feelings of those around me when I utter the wish that he may be restored to health and may have many happy years of useful and honorable life. In attempting this task, without having had perhaps sufficient time to become familiar with all the details of my Department, I should crave the indulgence of