

FINANCES OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

BUDGET SPEECH

DELIVERED BY

SIR LEONARD TILLEY,

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IN

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA,

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1883.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY.—Mr. Speaker: I desire, Sir, before you leave the Chair, to make the financial statement; and, at the same time, to call the attention of the House to the resolutions the Government propose to move, when in Committee, with reference to the changes in the Tariff. At the last Session of Parliament, on the sixteenth day after the opening of the Session, I was in a position to make the financial statement of the Government. Circumstances have occurred to delay the statement on this occasion, and there has been some criticism in the House, and out of it, on account of this delay. I desire, in the first place, Sir, to make a few remarks with reference to the circumstances that have caused this delay; and I believe, when they are stated to the House, hon. members will fully understand the necessity for it, and approve of the course the Government have taken. It will be remembered, Sir, that, at the last Session of Parliament, the Government asked this House to reduce the taxation to the extent of \$1,000,000 or \$1,250,000 for the then current year. After looking