

# BUDGET SPEECH.

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The Treasurer Makes His  
Annual Statement.

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AN EXCELLENT SHOWING.

*March*

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Provincial Finances on a  
Sound Basis.

~~July~~

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THE SUCCESSION DUTIES.

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Remarkably Large Returns  
From This Source.

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The Gross Expenditure is Steadily De-  
creasing — Liquor — License Receipts  
Also Decreasing — Other Speeches.

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Legislative Chamber, Feb. 28.

The budget debate to-day inaugurated the active operations of the session. According to announcement, Hon. Mr. Harcourt made his annual financial statement immediately upon the opening of the House at 3 o'clock. An hour and three-quarters was occupied by him, and then the leader of the Opposition, leading the attack upon the budget, filled up the remainder of the afternoon. The Treasurer's speech was a clear, concise exposition of Provincial finances, while Mr. Marter's was less a reply to it than an echo of election issues and disputes. In the evening the galleries were filled, as they had also been during the afternoon, with an interested audience, to whose entertainment Messrs. Matheson, the new member for Lanark, and Mr. Conmee were the contributors. The debate was adjourned