## PROVINCIAL BUDGET.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt Finds That He Still Has a Surplus of Five Millions.

## AN ABLE SPEECH.

Provincial Finances Are in a Healthy Condition.

MR. MATHESON'S REPLY.

He Figures Out a Big Deficit and Charges Officials With Corruption in Bye-elections.

Parliament Buildings, Feb. 9.

The entire time of the Legislature to-day was occupied with the debate on the budget. The Provincial Treasurer occupied upwards of three hours in the delivery of his speech, during which the interest did not flag and the applause was frequent and vigorous. He did not disclose the means by which the Government intend to recoup the loss of revenue which has resulted from the enforcement of the regulation pro-hibiting the export of pine logs, but intimated that in the course of a few

days the Government would introduce