

THE LOCAL HOUSE AT WORK.

Thursday, April 20.

There was little oratory and much business in the house to-day. When a number of the less important of the government measures had been given their second readings the house went into supply, and made rapid progress with the estimates for civil government, until the vote was reached for the salary of the new additional prison inspector, who has been appointed. There was a prolonged and interesting discussion before the item passed.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:—

Mr. Mackenzie (West Lambton)—Respecting the Sarnia Consumers' Gas Co., and to change the name to the Sarnia Gas & Electric Light Co.; also to enable the board of education of the town of Sarnia to take certain lands from the town of Sarnia.

Dr. Ryerson—Respecting the Toronto Railway Co.

Mr. Rorke—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Tait—To incorporate the Niagara & Port Huron Railway Co.

SOME SECOND READINGS.

Sir Oliver Mowat, in moving the second reading of his bill respecting securities in the surrogate courts, explained that the object of the measure was to permit the acceptance in these courts of bonds of guarantee companies as security for administrators. The bill was read a second time.

The attorney-general moved the second reading of his bill to divide the office of county crown attorney in the county of York and the city of Toronto. He explained that the duties of the office were