

THE OBJECTIONS REMOVED.

Monday, April 24.

The druggists' bill, which was the subject of much adverse public criticism, was discussed in the house to-day. The proposal for the second reading of the measure raised a storm of opposition, which was only subdued by the assurance of Dr. McKay, the promoter, and the Attorney-general that its objectionable features had been entirely eliminated. As this meant that the druggists had receded from the position asserted in the original draft of the bill, that none but themselves should retail patent medicines, opposition was withdrawn and the bill was referred to a special committee for consideration.

These bills were introduced and read a first time :—

Mr. McLenaghan—To amend the consolidated municipal act, 1892.

Dr. Gilmour—To amend the act respecting the profession of architects.

The following private bills were read a second time :—

Mr. Bishop—Respecting the railway debenture debt of the village of Exeter.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Respecting the Hamilton Street Railway Co.

Mr. Hiscott—To consolidate the debt of the city of St. Catharines.

Mr. Harty—Respecting certain burying grounds in the city of Kingston.

Mr. Ross—To confer certain powers on the town of Strathroy.