

A Number of Questions Answered by the Government.

SEVERAL BILLS INTRODUCED.

Another Bill Respecting City and Town Councils.

A Quiet Sitting—Col. Matheson Withdraws His Motion With Regard to the Succession Duties.

Friday, Feb. 21.

There was a rather thin attendance of members to-day, and but little was done. It was private members' day, and the order paper was cleared of a number of questions and motions, and then the House adjourned. One of the motions which was removed from the order paper involved a little triumph for Mr. Harcourt; yesterday he argued that one of Col. Matheson's contentions regarding the administration of the succession duties in Ontario was founded on a misapprehension of the British act, and to-day the Colonel frankly admitted that he had been mistaken, and that the Provincial Treasurer's contention was correct. A number of bills were introduced, some of them being of importance.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

A number of petitions were presented at the opening of the House, and the following bills were introduced:—

Mr. McKay (Oxford)—Respecting corporations loaning money on real estate and the inspection of such corporations.

Mr. Stratton—To amend the assessment act.

Mr. Stratton—Respecting City and Town Councils.

Mr. Beatty (Leeds)—To amend the Ontario election act, 1892.

Mr. Beatty (Leeds)—To amend the manhood suffrage act.

THE AQUEDUCT COMPANY.

Under the heading of questions by members, Mr. Crawford asked: "Who are the shareholders in the Georgian Bay Ship Canal & Power Aqueduct Co., incorporated by the Legislature of Ontario in the 57th year of the reign of her Majesty (chapter 97); how much stock is held by each, and the amount paid thereon by each? Who are the officers and directors of the company? What agreements have been made by the company with any municipality or municipalities? What part of the works