

Administering the License System Debated.

MR. HARCOURT'S ABLE SPEECH

Important Government Bills Considered.

Mr. Marter Moves an Amendment on Going Into Supply—Legislation for Street Railways.

Thursday, March 12.

After an afternoon spent in hard work on Government bills the House found itself with a debate on its hands to-day, Mr. Marter moving an amendment, on going into supply, in condemnation of the Government's method of administering the license system. He supported this in a speech in which he declared that the system is worked by the Government so as to maintain itself in power. Hon. Mr. Harcourt is an exceedingly formidable antagonist upon this question, and his defence of the record of the Government in connection with the license system was particularly forcible and effective. After continuing up to close upon midnight the debate was adjourned.

At the opening of the House, upon the orders of the day being called, Mr. Whitney called the attention of the House to the fact that copies of a circular purporting to be a manifesto by the "Canadian Republican Committee" had been circulated among the members.

Sir Oliver Mowat responded that he had not seen it. Evidently the "Republican Committee" thought his hon. friends opposite the only portion of the House worth assailing. (Laughter.) Mr. Whitney responded that they evidently thought that theirs was the only side which needed to be influenced, and the matter ended.

Several third readings came first on the order paper. Four bills—Hon. Mr. Bronson's respecting by-laws Nos. 1,458 and 1,628 of Ottawa, Mr. Hobbs' re-