

MONDAY, MARCH 20,

**Mr. Pattullo's Bill on the Bonus-
ing System.**

VARIOUS OPINIONS.

**Mr. Stratton's Report as to the Cost
of Printing—A Bill Touching Re-
counts.**

Parliament Buildings, March 17.

Among members of the House there is a growing objection to the continuous advance of the bonusing system. This was manifested in the short discussion which took place this afternoon on the motion for the second reading of Mr. Pattullo's bill to amend the municipal act by repealing the clause empowering municipalities to grant exemption from taxation to industries. Mr. Pattullo made a strong though comparatively brief speech on the motion, referring not only to the question of exemptions but to the general one of bonusing. He was followed by other members, who, like himself, stated in the strongest possible terms that the time had arrived for the placing of restrictions upon municipalities which, in spite of the warning of others, insisted on bolstering up industries, many of which sooner or later were bound to go to the wall. The matter was also pretty thoroughly discussed in the Private Bills Committee, where bonus bills have been numerous during the past few days.

Cost of Printing.

Mr. Stratton introduced a report from the Printing Committee, which recommended a number of changes in the printing of reports and bills, with a view to reducing the expense. By omitting the statistical tables from the Registrar-General's report and presenting the information in condensed form a saving of from \$400 to \$500 a year might be effected. A large reduction might also be made by condensing the report of the Board of Health and other departmental publications. An unnecessary number of private and public bills were printed with the result that they were carried away in basketfuls as waste paper. It was proposed to limit the bills to be furnished to each member to two, except in the case of the more important