

NOVA SCOTIA.—PETITION.

LORD CAMPBELL, who had given Notice—

“To present a Petition from Nova Scotia alleging the Existence of much Discontent in the Province in regard to an Act passed last Session under the Title of The British North America Act; and to move that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to appoint a Commission to proceed to Nova Scotia for the Purpose of examining the Causes of the alleged Dissatisfaction with a View to their Removal.”

said he rose to postpone his Motion. His reason for doing so was chiefly on account of the lateness of the hour, and the existence of certain rules or understandings with respect to the conduct of Public Business on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A good many Members had left the House on the understanding that the subject would not come on after six.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON said, that this Motion had been twice on the Paper and had been twice postponed. He protested against the continual postponement of important Notices—a course which was highly inconvenient to noble Lords who felt interested in the discussions which were likely to arise, and one which was also highly detrimental to the public interests. It was now only half-past six o'clock, and he could not see why the Motion should not be proceeded with.

LORD LYVEDEN remarked that the inconvenience arising from the course adopted by the noble Lord (Lord Campbell) was felt not only by many Members of their Lordships' House, but also by the Delegates from Nova Scotia, who were naturally anxious to be present at the discussion. He trusted that the noble Lord would place his Notice on the Paper for a day when it could have precedence, and that the date would be sufficiently early to admit of the Delegates from Nova Scotia being present at the discussion before leaving this country.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH (IRELAND)
BILL.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said: My Lords, I beg to give notice that on the Motion for the Second Reading of the Suspensory Bill relating to the Irish branch of the Established Church I shall move that it be read a second time that day six months.

House adjourned at a quarter before
Seven o'clock, till to-morrow,
half-past Ten o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Thursday, June 18, 1868.

MINUTES.]—NEW WRIT ISSUED—*For Stamford v. Viscount Ingestre, now Earl of Shrewsbury. Select Committee*—Curragh of Kildare, General Danne, Sir Colman O'Loghlen added.

PUBLIC BILLS—*Second Reading*—Electric Telegraphs [82]; Ecclesiastical Commissioners* [168]; Local Government Supplemental (No. 6)* [175].

Referred to Select Committee—Electric Telegraphs [82].

Committee—Representation of the People (Ireland) [71]; Representation of the People (Scotland)* [166]; Local Government Supplemental (No. 5)* [160]; Navy and Army Expenditure*—*n.r.*

Report—Representation of the People (Ireland) [71-179]; Representation of the People (Scotland)* [166]; Local Government Supplemental (No. 5)* [160].

Considered as amended—Representation of the People (Scotland)* [166]; Boundary* [165]; Local Government Supplemental (No. 5)* [160]; Courts of Chancery and Exchequer (Ireland) Fee Funds* [146].

Third Reading—Representation of the People (Scotland)* [166]; Local Government Supplemental (No. 4)* [159]; Local Government Supplemental (No. 5)* [160]; Municipal Rate (Edinburgh)* [99], and passed.

Withdrawn—Weights and Measures (Scotland)* [109].

PARLIAMENT—PUBLIC PETITIONS.—
BREACH OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. C. FORSTER moved that the Special Report of the Public Petitions Committee of the 28th of May last be read; but that, in the case of those Petitions to which the Report refers, the Order of the House that they do lie upon the Table be read and discharged. The hon. Member said, he had to bring under the notice of the House a Breach of Privilege, committed in the case of these Petitions. By the Standing Orders it is required that every Petition shall bear at least one signature on the sheet containing the Prayer of the Petition, and Petitions are frequently returned to hon. Members because this regulation is not complied with. But in the case of these Petitions an attempt was made to render them formally correct by taking a signature from the body of the Petition and placing it on the sheet containing the Prayer. Examination showed that this had been done in the case of 100 Petitions. The facts are admitted by the party implicated, who says he was not aware that he was committing a Breach of Privilege: and as he is now aware of the