

named, and that he had generally tried to take care of that part of the county from which he came.

Hon. PROV. SEC. said that the committee were always happy to receive any suggestions from gentlemen as to the formation of the respective committees. The action of the committee, it would be remembered, was not final, and every gentleman would have an opportunity of recommending alterations that he might think advisable.

Mr. ARCHIBALD said that there had always been a desire on the part of the Revising Committee to report the names of gentlemen in reference to their knowledge and experience of the several matters entrusted to the committees.

The Committee was ordered to meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The House adjourned until one o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, Feb. 13, 1865.

The House met at 1 o'clock, and shortly afterwards proceeded to Government House to present the answer to the address.

HON. SPEAKER stated that the house had waited upon His Excellency with the answer to the Address, who had been pleased to reply as follows:—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

"I thank you for the Address just presented, and recognize with much satisfaction the earnest spirit which pervades it, and the determination which you evince to bestow your serious attention on the important labors of the session. I look forward hopefully to the result of these labors, and beg of you to rely on my willingness, at all times, to assist you in the discharge of your important duties."

The Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, from the Revising Committee, reported a list of Standing Committees, which he read to the House.

At the suggestion of Mr. BOURINOT the list was laid upon the table until the next day, in order that members might have an opportunity of examining it, and suggesting any alterations that might be necessary.

Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, by command, laid on the table copies of correspondence relative to the appointment of His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell as Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia.

Also, copies of correspondence relating to the retirement of the late Hon. W. A. Black from the Legislative Council.

Also, copy of a despatch calling attention to the mode of appointment of Legislative Councilors.

TUESDAY, 14TH FEB.

The House met at three o'clock.

REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. CALDWELL, seeing the members of the Government in their places, was desirous to learn what progress had been made during the recess in the publication of the Revised Statutes. He himself had several applications from his constituents enquiring the cause of their backwardness, and complaining of their want over the country.

Mr. BLANCHARD replied that the publication had been delayed by the preparation of

the Index; but this was now completed, and the Statutes would be ready to be handed to the Government in all probability by Saturday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Hon. PROV. SECY. moved the adoption of the list of Committees reported upon the previous day. He stated that some slight alterations had been made since the list had been first reported up.

The following is the list as it stands amended:—

*Committee of Privileges.*—Hon. Attorney General, Messrs. Archibald, S. McDonnell, S. Campbell, Locke, Pryor, and Hon. Mr. McFarlane.

*Public Accounts.*—Messrs. Jost, G. S. Brown, Whitman, McLellan, Smyth.

*Education.*—Hon. Prov. Sec'y, Mr. Archibald, Hon. Mr. Shannon, S. Campbell, Dr. Brown, Mr. Bourinot, Mr. Tobin.

*Agriculture.*—Hon. Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Blackwood, Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Parker, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Allison.

*Fisheries.*—Messrs. LeVesconte, Ross, Kilham, Robertson, Jost, Balcom, Robicheau.

*Post Office.*—Hon. Atty. Gen., Messrs. Coffin, Hatfield, Heffernan, Bourinot, Blanchard, Annand, Colin Campbell, and Dr. Hamilton.

*Mines and Minerals.*—Hon. Mr. McFarlane, Messrs. S. Campbell, Caldwell, Ross, Miller, D. Fraser, and Dr. Slocumb.

*Navigation Securities.*—Messrs. Robicheau, Locke, C. J. Campbell, McLellan, Kaulback, Heffernan, Moore.

*Railways.*—Messrs. Tobin, Locke, Donkin, Blanchard, D. Fraser, Ray, Bill.

*Crown Lands.*—Messrs. S. McDonnell, Whitman, Blanchard, G. Brown, Moore, Miller, J. Campbell.

*Law Amendments.*—Mr. Archibald, Hon. S. L. Shannon, Messrs. S. McDonnell, S. Campbell, Kaulback, Miller, Hon. Jas. MacDonald.

*Trade and Manufactures.*—Messrs. LeVesconte, Annand, Kilham, Coffin, Cowie, Ray, Bill.

*Militia.*—Messrs. Pryor, Parker, Jost, Heffernan, Hon. Atty. General, C. Campbell, Blackwood, Bourinot, LeVesconte, Blanchard, King.

*Indian Affairs.*—Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Messrs. Ross, Lawrence, Heffernan, Smyth, C. J. Campbell, Jas. Fraser.

*Humane Institutions.*—Messrs. Blanchard, Dr. Slocumb, Coffin, Allison, Ray, Caldwell, King, Dr. Brown, Jas. Fraser.

*Penitentiary.*—Messrs. Hill, Balcom, Cowie, Parker, Churchill, Robertson, McKay, Allison.

*Reporting and Printing.*—Hon. Atty. General, Messrs. Blanchard, Longley, LeVesconte, Robertson, Tobin, Caldwell.

*Private Bills.*—Hon. Mr. Shannon, Messrs. McLellan, J. Campbell, Blackwood, Lawrence, Donkin, Kaulback.

*City of Halifax Bills.*—Messrs. Pryor, Blanchard, Donkin, Balcom, Hill, Tobin, and Miller.

*Land Damages.*—Messrs. G. Brown, More, Balcom, Caldwell, and King.

*Contingencies.*—Hon. Fin. Secretary, Messrs. Locke and Hatfield.

THE SCHOOL ACT.

Dr. BROWN presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of North Kings, praying for the repeal of the present School Bill.

Mr. BILL presented five petitions, numerously signed, on the same subject.