

## REPORT.

Your Committee never felt their own littleness and inability to do justice to the work intrusted to them, so much as at the present time. If the reason be asked, why? Our answer is, because the enemies of the Sabbath are now trespassing upon its sacred hours, with greater boldness and effrontery, under the new regime, than we ever remember to have witnessed before the Union of the Provinces into one great Dominion, or since we began our labours 18 years ago, as the determined supporters of the truth that every man has an inalienable God-given right to the enjoyment of one day in seven for rest of body, the cultivation of his moral and intellectual powers, the acquisition of religious knowledge, and the worship of God according to the dictates of his conscience.

This right we must not allow to be wrested from us, by any man, or company of men, or by any form of government whatever. We hold the doctrine, and are determined "in the strength of the Lord" to maintain it, in the face of all opposition, "that we ought to obey God rather than men."

These remarks are called for by a most glaring encroachment upon sacred hours by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, first made known to the public by their manager in an advertisement in the Montreal Herald, in December last year, intimating that an express train would start from Bonaventure station, Montreal, every Saturday at 7:30 P.M., running through to Toronto same as any other night, and reaching that at same hour, till further notice.

Before another word, it is our duty and privilege to pay the debt of respect we owe to the memory of our beloved departed brother, Samuel Chown, now with his Saviour, whom he served so faithfully on earth, enjoying his reward. May we follow him as he followed Christ, and meet again at the resurrection of the just.

The hour referred to in the above notice for the arrival of the train in Toronto is 1:30 P.M., (it may be later,) that is thirteen and a half hours out of the twenty-four of the Lord's peculiar time weekly, leaving only ten hours and a half for rest and religious duties—a robbery, shameful indeed, and perfectly inexcusable, in the year of our Lord 1868, when intelligence by telegram can be transmitted across the Atlantic in a moment of time, and persons can travel in a few hours what would have occupied as many days, not to say weeks, not many years ago. Similar remarks will apply to the train which we understand leaves Toronto on Saturday night, travelling eastward, thereby doubling the amount of Sabbath desecration.

It may be observed here that a tempting advertisement appeared in the London (Ontario) Evening Advertiser of July 22, by order of Thomas Swinyard, General Manager, headed "*Great Western Railway—Excursion Tickets to Niagara Falls and return—Good for three days—will be issued on Saturday at the following Stations, and at the undermentioned CHEAP*"