not to serve God for what we get. Nothing was further from that Government clerk's intention in writing the letter, but God commands us to observe the Sabbath, a privilege as well as an order, and says. "Them that honour me I will honour" (I Sam. ii., 30).—A MacDonald, in British Messenger.

THE NEW LAW IN FRANCE

The Presbyterian Witness of Halifax says:—'France has tried to establish Sunday as a day of rest, a day when toil should pause and the wheels of industry stop. Unexpected difficulties have been encountered, and much dissatisfaction prevails. Bakers could not give up their work without, depriving the Parisian of his hot rolls on Sunday. Innumerable hardships and difficulties were conjured up. We do not know that the effort is likely to prove wholly a failure, but it does

not look hopeful. It is easier to retain the good institutions we possess than to bring them back after they are lost."

The public is as heartless as the great corporations. Once let it get some means of self-gratification, Sunday cars, cigar stores or ice-cream parlors, or hot rolls for Monday's breakfast, and it will not give up the veriest trifle of acquired privilege, not though tens of thousands of fellowcreatures have to give up their Sabbath rights to furnish that privilege. Let Canadians learn from France's experience, and in particular, let Canadian working people be on their guard against being robbed of their rights by the selfish public, and, above all, see that they themselves are not guilty of requiring other working people to serve them in pleasures or conveniences at the expense of the Sabbath rights of these others.

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