

APPENDIX.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of
Canada, in Parliament Assembled.

THE PETITION OF THE KINGSTON SABBATH REFORMATION SOCIETY,
ADOPTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN THE CITY HALL OF THE
CITY OF KINGSTON, ON THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1865,

HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH—

That the Sabbath was instituted by the All-wise Ruler of the Universe with a special view to the best interests of mankind.

That the Sabbath law as embodied in the fourth commandment can no more be broken with impunity than any other commandment of the decalogue.

That the proper observance of the Lord's Day is highly conducive to the maintenance of morality and religion in a community, and is promotive of that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

That it is the duty of a Christian Government to encourage the observance of the Lord's Day by protecting each class of society against being required to sacrifice health, religious privileges, and conscience, for the convenience or supposed advantage of any other class of the community on the Lord's Day.

That while your Petitioners are glad to know that the Welland and Lachine Canals have long been closed to traffic on the Lord's Day with marked advantage to the public interests, they are deeply grieved to learn that on the other Canals of the Province sailing and steam vessels are permitted to pass through the locks on Sundays, and that in consequence many of the public employes and other of Her Majesty's subjects are deprived of their lawful rest, and are injuriously obliged to labor on that day or forfeit their means of subsistence.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that on taking the premises into consideration, your Honorable House will be pleased to pass a Bill providing that all the Provincial Canals shall be closed to public traffic from midnight on Saturday to midnight on Sunday.

And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.