

exceptions of the Act. The editor, whilst admitting that the judgment was technically correct, thinks the learned judge would not have gone far astray in declaring Sunday newspapers to be works of necessity. We entirely disagree with him, and that quite apart from the religious question involved. A Sunday newspaper is, we think, not only *not* a work of necessity, but a public nuisance. There is no more ingenious device for keeping men's minds on the stretch, and on the stretch too in the same groove they have been running all the week. Busy men need rest. It is no rest reading newspapers on Sunday when we are reading them all the week. Sunday newspapers are as responsible for nervous wrecks and suicides as any other one thing in these days. We are very thankful they have, so far, been kept out of this country.

A MINISTER of the Crown, and representing a French constituency at that, has had the hardihood to introduce in the Dominion Parliament a bill abolishing four of the holidays now in vogue in the Province of Quebec. The other Provinces have managed to do very well without these holidays, and if the introducer of the bill would increase its scope and abolish all saintly holidays the public would, we venture to think, be better pleased and the business of the country benefited.

UNITED STATES LEGISLATION.

At the annual meeting of the American Bar Association, held on August 24th last, the report of which has only now come to hand, the president, Mr. John F. Dillon, well known to the profession here as the author of the leading work upon municipal law, in his opening address, made the usual references to the more important changes which had taken place in statute law in the United States during the year immediately preceding. It has been stated in the newspapers that during the last session there were introduced into the House of Representatives and the Senate, at Washington, no less than 13,439 bills and joint resolutions. A marvellous waste of energy—and paper—this seems, when we find that two-thirds of these failed to pass both Houses, and never reached the President for signature.