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There is at least one thing for which the Marquis of Lorne has distinguished himself in the Maritime section of the Dominion, and that is, persistent tramping under foot of some of the tenderest feelings of the best portion of the people, those who love and honor the Sabbath, and habitual disregard of the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

His first visit to the Maritime Provinces was a summer before last. He had a special train in which he lived and travelled.

He came to Kentville on Saturday evening. True, the train remained there the following day, but for what purpose? He and his party took carriages and spent the Sabbath in a visit to Blomidon.

Last summer he came again to Halifax, remained for nearly a week, and, starting on Saturday evening in a special train travelling all next day, began his pleasure trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Protests were made in many quarters against such wanton Sabbath desecration, earnest and respectful remonstrances were sent to him by Ecclesiastical bodies, with what result? with the following, viz, that on his next coming among us he deliberately repeated the act.

On his return from Britain a few days since, he landed on Saturday morning in Halifax, spent the day there and on Saturday evening started in a special train, travelled all day Sabbath, robbing the train hands and hundreds of road men of their Sabbath rest, and, by his example, doing all he could to break down the barriers that now hedge the Sabbath from complete secularization, his high position making his example all the more powerful, and, therefore in this

case, all the more injurious.

There has been in none of the above instances, even the poor plea of urgent state business that politicians of both parties have sometimes pleaded as an excuse for Sabbath breaking. There was nothing but his own will and pleasure.

Our Government too must share the responsibility and its guilt. The railway is under its control. It is no more compelled to run a Sabbath train for His Excellency than for any other man. It is no more excusable in doing so. The Minister of Railways gave promises to the Evangelical Alliance and to other parties that Sabbath travelling should be reduced to a minimum, all unnecessary Sabbath railway work stopped. A Christian people look for the fulfilment of that promise, whether it refer to the transportation of a circus company, the carrying of ordinary merchandise, the conveyance of the travelling public or the progress of the Governor General of Canada.

We do not forget, that, "Honor the King" is binding upon Governments as well as upon subjects, but before that comes the command, "Fear God." And if His Excellency is so regardless of the feelings and rights of the people, and the honor and respect and obedience due to God's day and God's commands, that he must insist on having Sabbath trains for his special pleasure, then we turn to our Government and hold it responsible for giving and running the trains.

ISRAEL trembled when Goliath defied their armies. Christian men and women often tremble when some eminent Biblical scholar and critic proclaims that progress in Theological discovery has antiquated