

the Father of Mercies, for Christ's sake, bestows on the children of men.

Signed at Toronto, this Ninth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Years:—in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

J. MALCOLM SMITH, M. A.,

MODERATOR OF SYNOD.

The Synod appointed a Deputation to wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, and present the Synod's Address; and also to request that he would be pleased to transmit the Synod's Address to Her Majesty the Queen to the proper quarter, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Petition to the Legislature on behalf of Sabbath Observance, was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod. The Petition to the Legislative Assembly is as follows; those to the other branches of the Legislature being the same, with the exception of the title and address:—

*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled,*

The Petition of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland,

SHOWETH—

That God, in His Word, has commanded us to keep holy one day in seven by resting on it from all our worldly employments and avocations, promising a blessing to those who keep his Sabbaths, and denouncing a curse against those who profane them.

That to make the Law of God give way to any supposed public convenience is a great national sin, when acted upon by Rulers and acquiesced in by People, and sure to bring down judgments upon every community where it is done.

That the Sabbath rest is constantly broken in consequence of certain laws and regulations of the State, by which the servants of the public are required to minister to their convenience by a habitual neglect of God's law.

That your Petitioners would especially call the attention of Your Honourable House to the desecration of the Sabbath caused by the transmission of the public mails, and by the opening of the Post Office and the delivery of letters on the Lord's Day.