

and best interests of the Dominion, should move the adoption of an address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to order the cessation of all secular labor in every department and office of government without exception on the Lord's Day." Our minds remain unchanged upon this subject. Powerful arguments might be advanced to show that it would be wise policy on the part of the government to follow such a course. That it would be in accordance with God's will, and therefore right, is incontrovertible, and history demonstrates the truth, that, where the Sabbath and other Divine ordinances are purely and faithfully observed, there the greatest progress is made in arts, science, and literature, agriculture, trade, and commerce; in short, everything that exalts and dignifies man, and tends to secure and perpetuate the prosperity and happiness of a people. Men of opposite sentiments in regard to religion, and some even of infidel proclivities, have united with the friends of Christianity in commendation of religion and the Sabbath, thus:—"I have lived long enough," said La Place, and not long before his death, to Professor Sedgwick, "to know what at one time I did not believe—that no society can be upheld in happiness and honor without the sentiments of religion;" and thus spake Dr. Adam Smith, the father of political economy, and the apologist of David Hume: "The Sabbath, as a political institution, is of inestimable value, independently of its claims to Divine authority."

The high testimony of the Great English Jurist, Blackstone, may be received with greater deference by some. He says in his commentary: "Besides the notorious indecency and scandal of permitting any secular business to be publicly transacted on that day, in a country professing Christianity, and the corruption of morals which usually follows its profanation, the keeping one day in seven holy, as a time of relaxation and refreshment as well as for public worship, is of admirable service to a state considered merely as a civil institution. It humanizes by the help of conversation and society the manners of the lower classes; which otherwise degenerate into a sordid ferocity and savage selfishness of spirit; it enables the industrious workman to pursue his occupation in the ensuing week with health and cheerfulness; it imprints on the minds of the people that sense of their duty to God so necessary to make them good citizens, but which yet would be worn out and defaced by an unre-mitted continuance of labor, without any stated times of recalling them to the worship of their Maker."

AS TO STEAM NAVIGATION ON THE LORD'S DAY.

We have to notice that, by request of the Committee, a letter was addressed to Hugh Allan Esq., President of the Inland Navigation Company, by the Secretary, begging of him to make such arrangements for the ensuing year, 1869, as to prevent the sailing of vessels on the St. Lawrence, and canals, on the Lord's Day, or at least to put a stop to the loading or unloading of cargo on that day. To this letter a reply was received by no means satisfactory, giving no reason to hope that either request would be complied with, and matters have gone on last season just as before.

LOADING AND UNLOADING OF CARGO ON THE WHARVES OF KINGSTON ON THE LORD'S DAY.

Under this head, it is painful to be obliged to remark that still on the wharves of this city there is more or less of the landing of goods from steamers on the Sabbath if not of putting cargo on board of them,

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