

An Act to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday.

(Reprinted as proposed to be amended in Committee of the Whole.)

**W**HEREAS it is desirable, in the interests of religion, morality, and the public welfare, that better provision be made for securing the observance of the first day of the week, hereinafter called the Lord's Day, as a day of rest :  
 5 Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

Preamble.

1. No canal belonging to the Government of Canada shall be operated for traffic on Sunday, except from the hour of  
 10 midnight on Saturday to six o'clock in the morning of Sunday, and from and after the hour of nine o'clock at night on Sunday.

Opening of canals on Sunday.

2. In case of urgent necessity, arising from the pressure of business caused by an interruption of traffic or by the approach of the close of navigation, the foregoing provision may from  
 15 time to time be suspended or varied by Order of the Governor in Council ; but no such Order in Council shall continue in force for a longer period than four weeks from the making thereof.

2. Any railway superintendent, manager, officer or person  
 20 by whose authority or order, any railway car shall on the Lord's Day be moved, loaded or despatched from any station, or permitted to continue a journey, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor ;

Railway traffic on Sunday.

2. This section shall not apply to trains—

Exemptions.

25 (a.) Which are operated for the purpose of making connection with railway trains running in the United States ;

(b.) Which are being run over the whole length of line on which they are being operated, for passengers, as express trains ;

(c.) Which are carrying more than one car-load of live stock ;

30 (d.) Which are operated on the Lord's Day solely for the purpose of enabling the persons transported thereon to carry on some work of necessity or of mercy which may lawfully be carried on the Lord's Day ;

35 (e.) Which are operated for the purpose of making connection with some steamship about to proceed to a foreign county ;

(f.) Which are running in the Province of Quebec.