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An Act for the diminution of Sunday
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An Act for the diminution of Sunday Labor in the Post Office Department.

WHEREAS it is very desirable that persons employed in the service of the Post Office Department should be relieved as much as possible from the obligation to labor on the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday, and that no desecration of the Sabbath should be permitted to take place by the performance of any unnecessary work in that Department on that Holy Day: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That from and after the season of navigation in this year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, no mail shall be despatched by steamer from either of the cities of Montreal, Kingston or Toronto on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday.

II. And be it enacted. That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster in any City, Town, Village, Parish, Township or place in which it shall have been decided by a resolution of the Municipal Council thereof that the Post Office therein shall not be opened for the delivery of letters on the Lord's Day, to close it and keep it closed for, and to abstain from, the delivery of letters accordingly, from and after the time when a certified copy of such resolution shall be communicated to him by the proper officer of the Municipality.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to dismiss from office any Postmaster found guilty of evading or contravening any of the provisions of this Act.