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1st Session, 7th Parliament, 25 Victoria, 1862.

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**BILL.**

An Act for closing the Canals on the Lord's day, and for prohibiting the running of Trains or Railways, and the departure of Steamers and other vessels from Port on that day.

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**WHEREAS** it is the undoubted right of all men in a christian community, in accordance with Divine command, to abstain from labour on the Sabbath; and whereas the denial of this right is alike injurious to the physical and moral well being of this Province: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows: Preamble:

- 1.** The Locks on all Canals in this Province shall be closed from Saturday at midnight, until Sunday at midnight. Locks on Canals to be closed on Sunday.
- 10 2.** No railway Train or Engine shall be run on Sunday, under a penalty of *two hundred dollars* for each offence. Trains, &c., on Railways not to be run on Sundays.
- 3.** No steamer or other vessel navigating in the inland waters of this Province, shall depart from Port on Sunday, under a penalty of *two hundred dollars* for each offence. Vessels not to leave Port on Sunday.
- 15 4.** The penalties imposed by the two preceding sections may be recovered, with costs, by summary conviction, before any Justice of the Peace, on the information of any person proceeding either for the Crown alone, or as well for the Crown as for himself, against the Company owning the Railway Train or Engine run in contravention of this **20** Act, or the Railway, on which the offence has been committed, or the Conductor or Engine Driver of such Railway Train or Engine, or against the master or owner of the Steamer or other vessel contravening this Act, as the case may be; and the amount of penalty recovered shall belong to the Crown, or be divided equally between the Crown and **25** the informant, as the case may require. Recovery of penalties under this Act.