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**BILL.**

An Act for closing the Canals and Post Offices, and all other Offices of the Public Departments, on the Lord's Day, and for prohibiting the running of Trains on Railways, and the departure of Steamers and other Vessels from Port, on that Day

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HON. MR. DE BLAQUIÈRE.

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**W**HEREAS 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:

I. The Locks on all the Canals in this Province shall be closed from Saturday at midnight until Sunday at midnight.

II. No Post Office in this Province shall be opened for the transaction of business on Sunday, nor shall any letter, paper, packet or other mailed matter be delivered from any such office on Sunday.

III. No mail shall be made up or despatched from any Post-Office on Sunday.

IV. No person employed in any of the Public Offices or Departments of this Province shall be required to attend in such office, or be employed therein, on Sunday.

V. No Railway Train or Engine shall run on Sunday, under a penalty of two hundred dollars for each offence.

VI. No Steamer or other Vessel shall depart from Port on Sunday, under penalty of two hundred dollars for each offence.

VII. 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 prosecuting 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 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 Steamboat 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 the informant, as the case may require.