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At a meeting of the Edinburgh Merchants' Association, held last month, it was resolved to send the following memorial to the Lord Advocate: "That it is desirable that the law should be amended so that Scotch courts should have power to commit to prison a debtor who, after a duly expired chance to pay a civil debt, or an instalment thereof, fails to pay such debt or instalment, unless it is proved that the debtor has not, since the commencement of the proceedings for the recovery of the same, possessed or earned the means of making payment; that the courts of law in England have power to commit debtors to prison in such circumstances, and that it is desirable that the law of Scotland should, in this respect, be brought, as far as possible, into conformity with that of England."—*London Grocers' Gazette.*

A FARM ENGINE CASE.

Waterous Engine Works Company vs. Wilson. In August, 1895, the plaintiffs agreed to sell the defendants, Wilson and Sloan, a Champion agricultural engine for \$1,000. By the contract it was agreed that the property in the engine should not pass until payment had been made, and that the plaintiffs should have a lien on defendants' lands to secure payment. As there is a balance still due and unpaid, plaintiffs filed this bill to enforce payment, and for a lien on defendants' lands. The defendants set up that subsequent to the contract being made plaintiffs sent them a different engine to that first agreed upon, plaintiffs to make an allowance for difference in value. Defendants, with plaintiffs' consent, sold the engine to one Joseph Speers, and they allege Speers paid all the moneys due on the engine.

His Lordship, Justice Bain, delivered judgment at Winnipeg, a few days ago, in favor of plaintiffs as against Wilson, and made an order for sale of the lands under the lien. As against Sloan the matter was enlarged for a week, with liberty to plaintiffs to amend their bill as against lien.

AN INCENDIARY TRIAL.

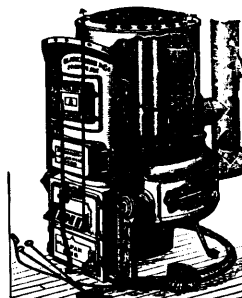
The case of the Queen v. McMillan began at the General Sessions in Toronto on Wednesday last, before Judge McDougall. The accused, William McMillan, is charged with having set fire to the Osgoodby building on January 10, 1895. The prisoner, according to the statement of the Crown's case, was the only person who had any motive in setting fire to the building, and the Crown professes further to be able to fasten the guilt by direct evidence. He was an agent for the Union Card and Paper Company of Montreal, which had an office in the Osgoodby building. He owed his employees considerable money—\$250 at least—the proceeds of sales which had not been accounted for, and the firm had written him demanding a settlement. He was also involved in several transactions with a man named Rosenthal, of which the firm knew nothing. Rosenthal was at first suspected, along with McMillan, but the Crown decided to use him as a witness.

The evidence given on the first day was largely with reference to the construction of the building, the situation of the offices occupied by the prisoner, and the circumstances connected with the fire.

—It is reported, says *The Electrical Review*, that about 200 railway carriages are now lighted by electricity in Sweden, and in Denmark the same system is also in use on the better trains.

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