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International Electrical Congress.

As we go to press, an International Electrical Congress is in progress at Geneva, under the auspices of the Swiss Society of Electrical Engineers. The prominent electrical societies of Europe and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers are giving their support to the undertaking. The following subjects are set for discussion: "Magnetic Units," "Photometric Units," "Transmission and Distribution of Power to Great Distances by Means of Direct and Alternating Currents," "Protection of High-pressure Overhead Electric Lines against Atmospheric Discharges," "Various Disturbances Caused by Electric Traction."

Prices of Incandescent Lamps.

PROBABLY in no department of electrical supplies has competition and the cutting of prices been reduced to so fine a point as in that of incandescent lamps. Prices have eventually got down below the profit line, and as a result the American manufacturers recently held a conference in New York, at which an understanding is said to have been reached which is expected to put a stop to the disastrous under-cutting of the past. Each company is said to have deposited the sum of \$5,000 as a guarantee of its willingness to abide by the agreement, and a fine of 10 cents per lamp will, it is said, be imposed for selling below standard rates. Future prices will range from 22 cents for lamps of 8 to 25 c.p., to \$1.65 for