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Will Can da get the Trade?

A short time ago the United States placed a boycotting duty on Russian sugar, the yearly imports of which were about \$20,000 to \$25,000. Russia retaliated by raising the duties on American manufactures, by which move their imports into Russia have been so seriously impeded that a yearly trade with the States of some \$16,000,000 to \$17,000,000 is in jeopardy, if not already lost. The Russian duty on imports is now 14.55 francs per 100 lbs., with exception of American goods, which are subject to 23.10 francs. Here is an opening for Canadian enterprise. Everything hitherto sent to Russia from the States could be supplied by Canada, and, if well looked after, the exports of the Dominion might be increased several millions in that direction.

A Perverse Judgment.

Railroads and Insurance companies are regarded by some who serve on juries as fair game for extortion. A case reported in the "Baltimore Underwriter" is one of the worst specimens of this antagonism on record. In brief the case was this: A man when helplessly drunk sat on a railway track where he was a trespasser. He was killed, whereupon the father sued the company for \$2,000 damages and was awarded that amount and \$269.98 in addition, to cover expenses of the suit! This infamous judgment was given by a court in South Carolina. For anything disclosed by the evidence, the victim of his own folly was bent on suicide. Whether that was so or not as he was a trespasser on the track, and had not only voluntarily rendered himself incapable of taking care of his life, but had deliberately sat down in the path of railway trains, the railway company had not the slightest responsibility for his death. Surely a higher court will upset so dangerous, indeed so fraudulent a verdict.

A Motor Fire Engine on the Rampage.

The troubles of a motor fire engine have created much annoyance in the old land. At Worcester one of these machines started a fire. On the road its sparks set a lady's dress on fire, who was not insured against this class of "sparks;" then fired a wagon load of straw; then started a fire in a hedge, and wound up its escapades by burning a that at a house door, and setting two ricks of straw ablaze. After these feats the motor engine broke down, but whether from remorse or exhaustion is not stated in the "Birmingham Gazette," where the narrative appears. It is only fair to explain that the aforesaid motor fire engine was not built as a motor, but was an old engine to which a motor had been attached, without any care being taken to obviate the risk from sparks.

Church Widows' and Orphans Funds.

The Episcopal Synod recently held at Ottawa had lively times over a discussion arising out of the proposal to make a contribution of \$5 per year to the Widows and Orphans Fund obligatory upon all the clergy in the Ottawa diocese. Before any clergymen be placed in such a position that his widow would be a beneficiary of the Fund, it is proposed to compel him to pay up all back arrears with interest from date of the Fund being established. The sum of \$5, seems trifling, but as many of the clergy are literally "as poor as a church mouse," being unable to clothe themselves decently, to buy books, or spend a dollar in any form of recreation, \$5 is a considerable tax. Considering too that the ages of the contributors vary very widely from, say 25 to 60 years of age, at the commencement of this arrangement, it is obvious that such a form of life insurance is utterly unsound and inequitable. The