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part of this week, the price of warrants reced-
ing from 45/3 to 44/10, but since Wednesday
a much firmer tone has prevailed and 45/5
was paid to-day. The position is of a very
artificial nature. Consumers do not appear to
follow the advance.

PRICES OF MAKERS' IRON ARE :

	No. 1.	No. 3.
G. M. B. fas Glasgow.....	46/6	45/
Coltness	55/	49/6
Langloan	54/6	46/6
Summerlee	51/6	46/6
Calder	51/	47/6
Gartsherrie	51/	47/6
Shotts	53/	49/6
Clyde	49/6	46/6
Carnbroe	46/6	45/
Glengarnock .. fas Ardrossan.....	50/	46/
Eglinton	46/6	45/6

Messrs. Gillespie & Co.'s prices current,
dated Liverpool, February 3rd, say: Sugar—
Raw meets with a good demand. Refined shows
little alteration. Rice remains at about our
last quotations, viz., 8s. 9d. to 9s. 3d. per cwt.
for good ordinary quality. Chemicals—Sodas
are unchanged. Recovered sulphur 4s. 3d. per
cwt., less 2½ per cent. f.o.b. Cream tartar
easier at 79s. 3d. to 79s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f., to
Halifax, N.S. Carbonate of ammonia 3d. per
lb., less 5 per cent. Chlorate of potash has
jumped to 10d. per lb., less 5 per cent., owing
to heavy demand for Japan. Oils—Castor re-
mains at 2 5-16d. to 2½d. Olive steady. Palm
has advanced to £26 to £26 10s., and Lagos
£27 per ton, with a further strong upward
tendency. Freights, via Portland, are unaltered.

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ONE of the best of this year's calendars
which have come across the lines is that issued
by the advertising firm of A. W. Ayer & Son,
Philadelphia. It is a handsome piece of litho-
graphy, containing many convincing argu-
ments relative to the value of the modern
newspaper as a medium between buyer and
seller. The dates in February, for instance,
are prefaced by the pertinent query: "Are
you dealing in an article that people really
want? If so, why don't you tell them about
it?" Which is followed by a sly dig at old
foggy ways in this fashion: "Why not go and
see them yourself? or write them a letter? or
send a man? or get out some hand-bills? or
nail up signs? or print an almanac? or paint
a barn? or do something like they used to do
when you were a boy?" The mere calendar
find will find the charge of 25 cents made for
this memory-jogger somewhat prohibitive,
but its aphorisms alone are worth that to a
thoughtful business man.

In the western provinces we notice the fol-
lowing failures:—The sheriff is in possession
of the clothing business of W. C. Reesberry, at
Carberry, who has confessed judgment for
\$5,500. Rather a poor showing for three
years' work.—The Winnipeg firm of Morton,
Alexander and Morton, tanners, also confess
judgment to the sheriff for \$3,700, and that
officer is now in possession.—An assignment
has been made by Thomas McNichol, general
store-keeper at Oak Lake. He began business
in 1888 with a surplus of \$3,500; lately he has
been very slow in making his payments.—At
the instance of the Bank of Ottawa, the sheriff
has taken possession of the assets of W. M.
Johnston & Co. wholesale dealers in leather,
etc., for \$17,000 on a confessed judgment.—
Last year Carter & Tolmie, brewers at Victoria,
got into trouble and a meeting of creditors was
held.—Carney & Barrett, butchers, Nelson.
B. C., have assigned [with assets of \$5,000 and
liabilities of \$8,000. An offer of 50 per cent.
is made to creditors.

—The name of the old firm of Baring Broth-
ers has brought to the reorganized company
splendid business, says an Old Country paper.
The company have reported net profits of no-
less than \$800,000 on its last year's business.
A dividend of ten per cent. is declared, and a
third of the profits goes to reserve. The Bar-
ing company may attain the standing of the
old firm in time, though the business done last
year was not one-fifth of the amount transac-
ted by the house before Argentine bonds
brought it down.

—The Yarmouth Steamship Company held
their annual meeting last week. The presi-
dent says there will be no dividend this year,
and that the Halifax and St. John lines lost
\$10,000 during the year. The old directors
were re-elected, and it was resolved to discon-
tinue the Halifax and St. John lines and sell
the steamers, unless the subsidies from the
governments were increased so as to make the
lines pay.—Yarmouth Times.

—A London cablegram of 16th inst. stated
that the Bank of England, on the previous
day, convened a meeting of the Baring guar-
antees to propose, it is understood, that the
period of liquidation be extended for one year,
and that the guarantee be reduced from £7,
000,000 to £5,000,000. The guarantors post-
poned their decision so as to have an oppor-
tunity to have a consultation with their re-
spective banks.

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