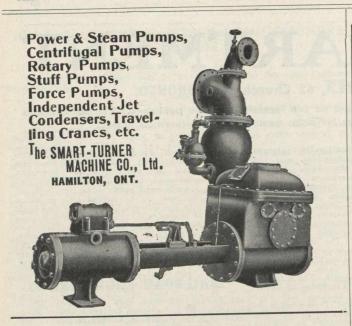
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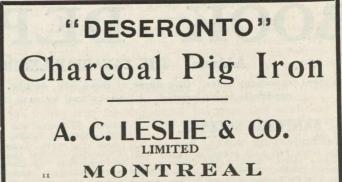
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Pipe.—Cast Iron.—The market is unsettled and uncertain, as dealers are sompelled to meet competition from all sources. Prices are easy and ap proximately as follows:—\$31 for 6 and 8-inch pipe and larger; \$32 for 5-inch and 4-inch at the foundry. Pipe, specials, \$3 per 100 pounds. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above.

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rails, per gross ton of 2,240 lbs., f.o.b. mill. Re-laying rails are quoted at \$27 to \$29 per ton, according to condition of rail and location.
Railway Ties.—See lumber, etc.
Roofing.—Ready roofing, two-ply, 70c. per roll; three-ply, 95c. per roll of 100 square feet. Roofing tin caps, 6c. lb.; wire roofing nails, 5c. lb. (See Building Paper; Tar and Pitch; Nails, Roofing).
Rope.—Prices are steady, at 9c. per lb. for sisal, and 10%c. for Manila.
Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, ninecten wires; ¼.in, \$2.75; 5.76, \$4.75; ¼, \$4.75; ¼, \$5.25; ¼, \$6.25; ¼, \$8; ¾, \$10; 1-in, \$12 per to feet.
Spikes.—Railway spikes are steady at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, base of 5% x9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, base of \$6 x 10 per lock.

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Fish.—Salted.—Medium cod, \$7 per bbl.; herring, \$5.25 per bbl.; salmon, \$15.50 per bbl., for red, and \$14 for pink. Smoked fish.—Bloaters, \$1.10 per large box; haddies, 7%c. per lb.; kippered herring, per box, \$1.20 to \$1.25.

* Toronto, December 16th, 1909.

Ice and snow are lessening the activity of building in both city and country, and for the same reason the movement of many materials for exterior use has declined. Pitch and tar, roofing felt and paper, sewer pipe, and bricks are less active except for repairing purposes, but structural steel, iron pipe, rails and sheets, continue in fair request, and lumber is still moving. Pig-iron shows good activity and holders are firm metals trades, shelf goods included, are more active than is usual at this time of the year.

It is not easy to obtain at this point a clean-cut quotation for cement. The close of navigation makes it hopeless to expect as low prices as have prevailed for recent months, while it is too early to obtain quotations for next spring. Apparently the managers of the Canada Cement Company have not resolved upon any serious or immediate advance, while those mills outside the combine are in no hurry to quote prices.

The following are wholesale prices for Toronto, where not otherwise explained, although for broken quantities higher prices are quoted :--Antimony.-Demand active and price higher at \$0.25 per 100 lbs. Axes.-Standard makes, double bitted, \$8 to \$10; single bitted, per

dozen, \$7 to \$0

Bar Iron.—\$1.95 to \$2, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer Market well supplied. Boller Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate. Tank plate, 3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.