

LEAD ROOFS

For many classes of roof, lead is suitable says the Metal Industry, and in England and on the continent it has been used for a long time. Some beautiful examples of architectural designs in lead now exist in England, but in our own country the use of lead does not seem to have made such headway. A recent writer makes the following comments on the subject: He says that in a steep pitch roof, and which shows conspicuously against the sky, lead is hard'y suitable, unless the building is lofty and monumental. When the roof is flattish and not conspicuous, lead is undoubtedly the best material for the purpose. It is particularly suited for roofs of a highly decorated nature. Special devices are used to keep the lead from creeping. In order that the lead should resist the action of the atmosphere as much as possible it is best to make the sheet from scrap, which gives a metal better suited for this purpose. Pure lead soon becomes covered with a white coating, but lead which con-

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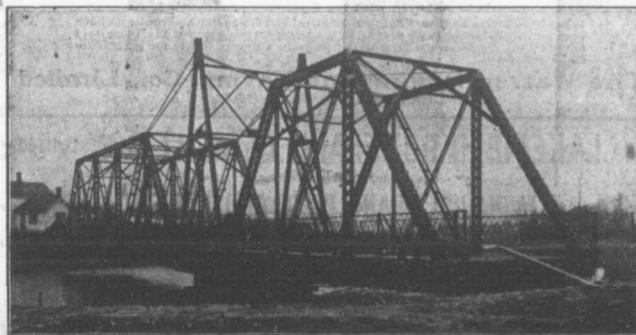
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