

(6.) The amount of pig iron and steel rails the Dominion could absorb per annum :—

The imports for 1910 of the chief classes of iron and steel were as follows :—

	Tons.
Iron and steel, angle	1,368
Bar, bolt, and rod	20,297
Bolts and nuts	29,896
Hoop	2,503
" galvanized	3,837
Pig	10,107
Pipes and fittings	1,448
"	18,441
Rails	21,311
Sheet and plate	7,147
" galvanized and corrugated	355,803
" " plain	67,045
Total	539,203

The probable annual requirements of the Dominion in the future may be taken as somewhat in excess of the above.

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