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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

MAY, 1949

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,553 tons in May, 1949, compared with 10,651 tons in the corresponding month of 1948. This month's total included 5,551 tons of plain wire, 2,415 tons of galvanized wire, 219 tons of other coated wire, 1,149 tons of barbed wire and 219 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in May of last year, the amounts being 3,083 tons and 2,747 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up slightly to 8,735 tons from 8,161 tons in May, 1948.

Table 1 - Production in Canada of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, May, 1949 with Comparative Totals for May, 1948

STATISTICS 1948 1949 May. May. STATISTIQUE CANADA CANADA Tonnage Tonnage Tonnage Tonnage shipped made shipped made ASS 18 1987 (Tons of 2,000 pounds) LUZRARY Steel Wire -BIELIOTHÈQUE 21,039 6,168 22,315 5,551 Galvanized 3,026 5,890 5,969 2,415 Other coated 256 209 274 219 1,000 1,207 1,149 1,248 Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes. 260 219 qualities and finishes Not Available Wire Fencing -2,131 Woven wire farm fencing 2,063 2,421 2,634 154 184 156 234 Woven wire lawn fencing Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ... 123 142 190 215 Nails, Tacks and Staples -6,590 8,161 8,124 8,735 Wire nails, iron and steel 92 97 94 106 Cut nails, iron and steel 111 172 Wire staples, steel 143 193 Tacks of steel, brass and copper 195 149 146 145 56 55 Nails, aluminum 51 67

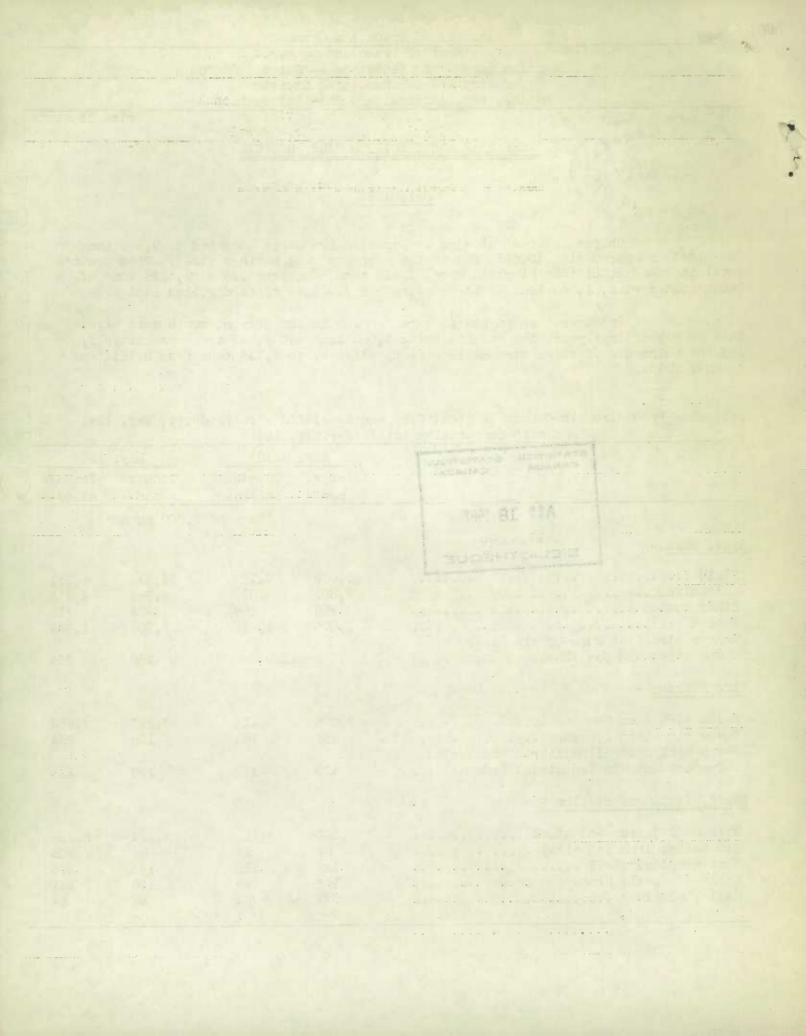


Table 2 - Production in Canada of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Five Months
Ended May. 1949. with Comparative Totals for Corresponding Period, 1948

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	Five Mor	ths Ended	Five Mont	Five Months Ended	
	May, 1948		May,	1949	
	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	
	made	shipped	made	shipped	
		(Tons of	2,000 pounds)		
Steel Wire -					
Plain	103,266	27,470	111,015	30,430	
Galvanized	28,783	12,583	29,538	12,634	
Other coated	1,449	1,212	1,503	1,136	
Barbed	4,678	5,025	5,288	5,681	
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes,	,				
qualities and finishes	Not	Available	1,038	937	
Wire Fencing -					
Woven wire farm fencing	10,502	12,172	10,130	12,324	
Woven wire lawn fencing	623	588	872	968	
Woven wire chain link fabric (including	020				
tonnage used in industrial fencing)	391	456	621	692	
contrade and in industrial renorme)	001	100	021	99.2	
Nails, Tacks and Staples -					
Wire nails, iron and steel	33,393	34,931	37,058	38,345	
Cut nails, iron and steel	380	392	484		
Wire stanles stool	685	734	846	470	
Wire staples, steel			822	897	
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,149			621	
Nails, aluminum	197	254	171	173	

Table 3 - Imports into Canada of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, May, 1949 and Five Months Ended May, 1949

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	May, 1949		May,	Five Months Ended May, 1949		
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$		
<u>I t e m</u>						
Wire of steel, drawn flat or cold rolled flat after drawing, not more than .25 inch in width and less than .1875 inch						
in thickness, coated or not, n.o.p Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc,	57,100	8,332	340,100	56,616		
wire of steel, valued at not less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture	413,500	35,617	921,300	95,161		
of wire rope	2,257,000	232,767	19,963,200	2,088,217		
coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial	• • •	423	• • •	3,272		
fishing operations	• • •	530	•••	10,221		
fencing	579,200 2,417,600 156,200	33,539 169,475 13,098	2,196,700 13,808,100 309,600			

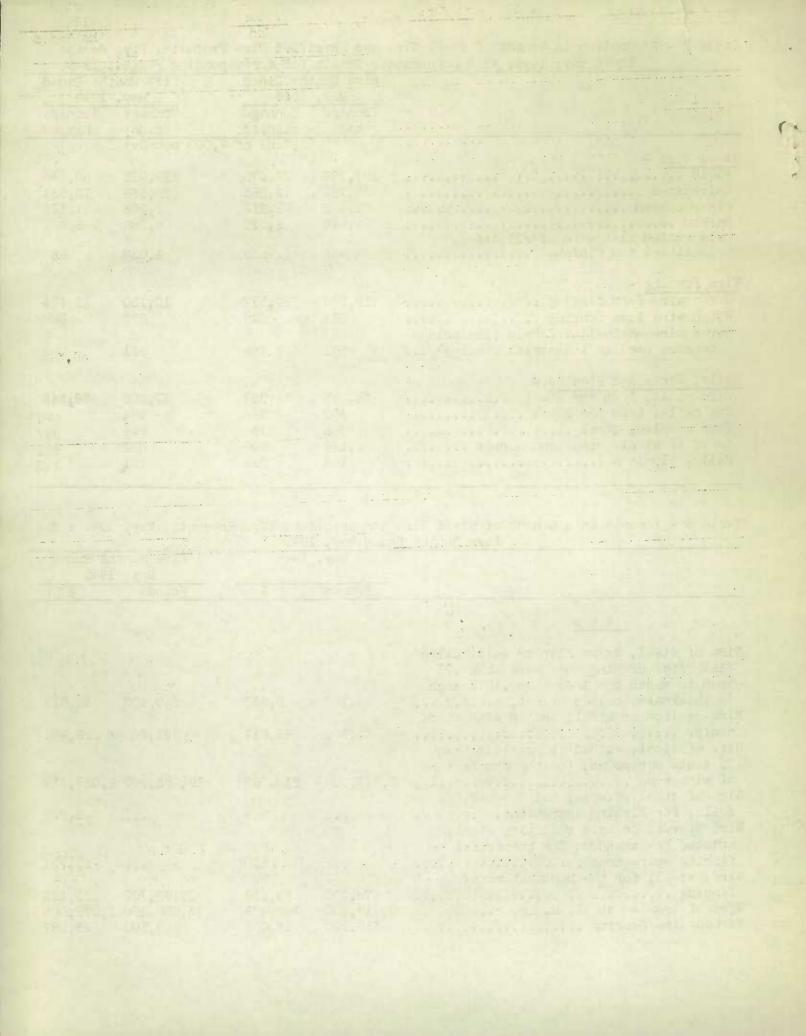


Table 3 - Imports into Canada of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, May, 1949 and Five Months Ended May, 1949 (Concluded)

	May, 1949		Five Months Ended May, 1949		
	Pounds	\$	Pounds \$		
Item (Concluded)					
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and					
not less than .080 inch in diameter Noven or welded wire fencing, coated		14,182	51,75	5	
or not, n.o.p		14,280	168,016	6	
Cut nails	45,900	3,584	779,500 66,01		
Tacks of all kinds	923	411	10,402 5,466		
nails of all sizes	,419,200	243,033	9,057,400 836,519	9	
Wails and brads, other	53,983	12,152	297,038 80,149		

Note: "n.o.p." means "not otherwise provided for" in the statistical classification.

Table 4 - Exports from Canada of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, May, 1949 and
Five Months Ended May. 1949

Five	Months Ended	May, 1949		
	May, 1949		Five Months Ended May, 1949	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
<u>I t e m</u>				
Barbed wire Other wire of iron and steel Woven wire fencing Wire nails Tacks Nails and brads, other	129,400 5,900	1,715 225 27,754 1,065	1,000 924,200 342,300 17,400	97 9,736 992 100,169 72,464 2,681