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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 7,620 tons in August, 1949, compared with 6,407 tons in the corresponding month of 1948. This month's total included 4,683 tons of plain wire, 1,934 tons of galvanized wire, 121 tons of other coated wire, 751 tons of barbed wire and 131 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in August of last year, the amounts being 1,224 tons and 1,131 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 6,924 tons from 6,815 tons in August, 1948.

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

	<u>August, 1948</u>		<u>August, 1949</u>	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	18,110	3,727	18,992	4,683
Galvanized .....	4,112	2,150	4,547	1,934
Other coated .....	223	180	133	121
Barbed .....	430	344	879	751
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	Not available		174	131
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	941	975	1,043	944
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	124	81	72	49
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	71	75	185	231
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	7,662	6,815	7,506	6,924
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	58	46	96	88
Wire staples, steel .....	139	93	197	131
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	133	147	117	139
Nails, aluminum .....	36	40	43	44

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

	Eight Months Ended August, 1948		Eight Months Ended August, 1949	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	157,980	40,243	164,547(*)	44,768(*)
Galvanized .....	42,728	19,052	43,470	18,789
Other coated .....	2,118	1,728	1,463(*)	1,178(*)
Barbed .....	6,230	6,267	7,889	8,195
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	Not available		1,551	1,382
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	15,033	16,872	14,620	16,853
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	996	949	1,266	1,378
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	654	768	1,222	1,380
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	55,497	57,648	57,184	59,867
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	573	597	727	708
Wire staples, steel .....	1,080	1,120	1,313	1,358
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	1,595	1,342	1,186	1,008
Nails, aluminum .....	299	360	314	317

(\*) Revised.

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

Item	August, 1949		Eight Months Ended August, 1949	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
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. ....	11,500	2,295	371,200	63,902
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	153,500	16,836	1,674,400	165,510
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manu- facture of wire rope .....	1,553,300	160,812	25,388,100	2,660,175
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p.	...	...	...	4,269
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	10,221
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	40,100	2,840	2,539,400	142,830
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	1,642,500	133,525	19,308,300	1,466,293
Barbed wire fencing .....	586,600	37,542	1,597,000	106,858

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

Item	August, 1949		Eight Months Ended August, 1949	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter..	...	4,521	...	77,096
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	15,421	...	216,067
Cut nails .....	9,400	1,270	937,200	78,603
Tacks of all kinds .....	655	468	56,938	17,756
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	3,213,000	214,912	21,703,800	1,708,348
Nails and brads, other .....	5,214	2,847	414,487	104,919

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, August, 1949 and Eight Months Ended August, 1949

Item	August, 1949		Eight Months Ended August, 1949	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	1,800	171
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	185	...	15,143
Woven wire fencing .....	...	1,377	...	2,957
Wire nails .....	700	73	988,600	108,666
Tacks .....	31,900	6,317	485,200	99,219
Nails and brads, other .....	1,500	348	23,700	3,957



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