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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,223 tons in September, 1949, compared with 9,043 tons in the corresponding month of 1948. This month's total included 5,677 tons of plain wire, 2,228 tons of galvanized wire, 147 tons of other coated wire, 1,029 tons of barbed wire and 142 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in September of last year, the amounts being 1,063 tons and 1,386 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 7,963 tons from 8,058 tons in September, 1948.

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

	September, 1948		September, 1949	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	22,513	5,300	20,200	5,677
Galvanized	5,096	2,665	4,412	2,228
Other coated	350	245	170	147
Barbed	660	833	1,007	1,029
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	Not available		170	142
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,432	1,212	1,116	813
Woven wire lawn fencing	119	102	80	61
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	62	72	195	189
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,798	8,058	8,311	7,963
Cut nails, iron and steel	82	96	102	108
Wire staples, steel	135	137	172	182
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	155	153	125	150
Nails, aluminum	53	47	59	59

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

	Nine Months Ended September, 1948		Nine Months Ended September, 1949	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	180,493	45,543	184,747	50,445
Galvanized	47,824	21,717	47,882	21,017
Other coated	2,468	1,973	1,633	1,325
Barbed	6,890	7,100	8,896	9,224
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	Not available		1,721	1,524
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	16,465	18,084	15,736	17,666
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,115	1,051	1,346	1,439
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	716	840	1,417	1,569
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	63,295	65,706	65,495	67,830
Cut nails, iron and steel	655	693	829	816
Wire staples, steel	1,215	1,257	1,485	1,540
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,750	1,495	1,311	1,158
Nails, aluminum	352	407	373	376

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

Item	September, 1949		Nine Months Ended September, 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.	16,000	4,383	387,200	68,285
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	185,000	22,737	1,859,400	188,247
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,073,700	225,435	27,461,800	2,885,610
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ...	...	216	...	4,485
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fish- ing operations .....	...	216	...	10,437
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fenc- ing .....	...	...	2,539,400	142,830
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,278,000	113,146	20,586,300	1,579,439
Barbed wire fencing	188,600	12,791	1,785,600	119,649

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

Item	September, 1949		Nine Months Ended September, 1949	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter ..	...	13,779	...	90,875
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	13,934	...	230,001
Cut nails	50,500	4,635	987,700	83,238
Tacks of all kinds	1,503	771	58,441	18,527
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	2,957,500	205,712	24,661,300	1,914,060
Nails and brads, other	9,947	3,228	424,434	108,147

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, September, 1949
and Nine Months Ended September, 1949

Item	September, 1949		Nine Months Ended September, 1949	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	1,800	171
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	475	...	15,618
Woven wire fencing .....	...	2,624	...	5,581
Wire nails	600	95	989,200	108,761
Tacks	86,800	14,646	572,000	113,865
Nails and brads, other	20,800	4,734	44,500	8,691

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