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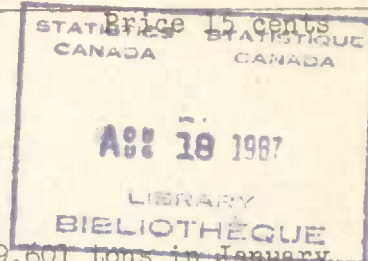


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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTSJANUARY - 1950

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,601 tons in January, 1950 compared with 11,086 tons in the corresponding month of 1949. This month's total included 5,793 tons of plain wire, 2,633 tons of galvanized wire, 152 tons of other coated wire, 826 tons of barbed wire and 197 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in January of last year, the amounts being 2,124 tons and 2,316 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,399 tons from 8,890 tons in January, 1949.

Table 1 - Production of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, January, 1950 with Comparative Totals for January, 1949

	January, 1949		January, 1950	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	21,880(*)	6,940	20,419	5,793
Galvanized .....	5,904	2,839	5,135	2,633
Other coated .....	181(*)	150	202	152
Barbed .....	901	997	1,253	826
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	148	160	257	197
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	1,472	1,543	1,155	1,013
Clothesline wire .....	60	57	49	44
Other stranded wire .....	449	375	447	369
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	1,953	2,116	1,713	1,959
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	197	112	146	57
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	96	88	139	108
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	7,193	8,524	7,099	6,078
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	74	74	107	87
Wire staples, steel .....	168	173	139	105
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	170	92	93	105
Nails, aluminum .....	26	27	24	24

(\*) Revised.

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Table 2 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, January, 1949 and 1950

Item	January, 1949		January, 1950	
	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. ....	42,900	7,631	104,200	17,844
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	163,900	16,122	133,100	25,806
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	5,036,900	524,413	2,626,100	290,615
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material ....	48,200	12,928	29,300	9,841
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	108,600	21,152	156,700	33,068
Wire for upholstery springs .....	1,596,000	102,771	304,500	21,630
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ...	80,600	15,286	53,000	16,628
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	800	330	1,500	772
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	...	...	...
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	1,919	...	83
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	49,100	2,598	...	...
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	3,958,700	289,082	751,100	114,839
Barbed wire fencing .....	21,600	922	60,000	4,631
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	23,679	...	2,448
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	68,331	...	2,467
Cut nails .....	215,800	18,458	12,600	2,522
Tacks of all kinds .....	653	213	1,981	792
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	1,065,800	125,860	403,900	37,796
Nails and brads, other .....	19,531	8,556	14,057	6,685

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

Table 3 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, January, 1949 and 1950

Item	January, 1949		January, 1950	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	...	...
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	1,961	...	57,171
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	...
Wire nails .....	842,600	91,460	...	...
Tacks .....	40,800	9,370	7,700	1,499
Nails and brads, other .....	3,300	448	5,300	369





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