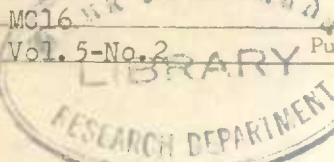


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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 8,892 tons in February, 1950 compared with 10,103 tons in the corresponding month of 1949. This month's total included 5,649 tons of plain wire, 1,943 tons of galvanized wire, 155 tons of other coated wire, 1,016 tons of barbed wire and 129 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in February of last year, the amounts being 1,764 tons and 2,396 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,141 tons from 6,985 tons in February, 1949.

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

	<u>February, 1949</u>		<u>February, 1950</u>	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	21,711(*)	6,000(*)	20,763	5,649
Galvanized	5,622	2,569	5,507	1,943
Other coated	247(*)	180(*)	172	155
Barbed	963	1,182	1,103	1,016
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	190	172	225	129
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,324	1,244	1,162	1,056
Clothesline wire	60	63	64	40
Other stranded wire	376	353	406	319
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,834	2,175	1,701	1,616
Woven wire lawn fencing	150	128	123	56
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	108	93	154	92
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	6,540	6,610	6,549	5,791
Cut nails, iron and steel	94	67	90	70
Wire staples, steel	155	157	199	157
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	163	128	86	104
Nails, aluminum	23	23	21	19

(*) Revised.

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Table 2 - Production of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Two Months Ended February, 1950, with Comparative Totals for Corresponding Period, 1949

	Two months ended February, 1949		Two months ended February, 1950	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	43,591(*)	12,940(*)	41,182	11,442
Galvanized	11,526	5,408	10,642	4,576
Other coated	428(*)	330(*)	374	307
Barbed	1,864	2,179	2,356	1,842
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	338	332	482	326
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	2,796	2,787	2,317	2,069
Clothesline wire	120	120	113	84
Other stranded wire	825	728	853	688
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	3,787	4,291	3,414	3,575
Woven wire lawn fencing	347	240	269	113
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	204	181	293	200
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	13,733	15,134	13,648	11,869
Cut nails, iron and steel	168	141	197	157
Wire staples, steel	323	330	338	262
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	333	220	179	209
Nails, aluminum	49	50	45	43

(*) Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1950 and Two Months Ended February, 1950

Item	February, 1950		Two months ended February, 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.	5,600	2,854	109,800	20,698
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	148,900	21,672	282,000	47,478
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	1,938,000	197,866	4,564,100	488,481
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material	59,600	8,407	88,900	18,248
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	245,000	59,302	401,700	92,370
Wire for upholstery springs	436,900	31,045	741,400	52,675



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Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1950 and Two Months Ended February, 1950 (concluded)

Item	February, 1950		Two months ended February, 1950	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ...	24,100	9,095	77,100	25,723
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	500	179	2,000	951
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 .....	...	...	...	83
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	...	...
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	626,900	103,043	1,378,000	217,882
Barbed wire fencing	42,100	3,537	102,100	8,168
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	1,932	...	4,380
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	15,856	...	18,323
Cut nails	45,900	4,892	58,500	7,414
Tacks of all kinds	1,676	453	3,657	1,245
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	190,600	15,850	594,500	53,646
Nails and brads	16,223	5,583	30,280	12,268

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1950 and Two Months Ended February, 1950

Item	February, 1950		Two months ended February, 1950	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	...	...
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	28,458	...	85,629
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	...
Wire nails
Tacks	50,900	10,499	58,600	11,998
Nails and brads, other	2,100	307	7,400	676

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