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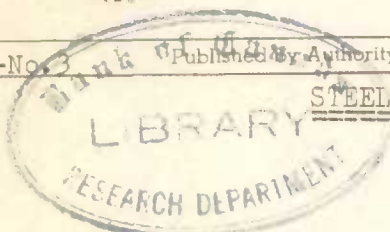
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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

MARCH - 1950

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,206 tons in March, 1950 compared with 10,629 tons in the corresponding month of 1949. This month's total included 6,810 tons of plain wire, 2,547 tons of galvanized wire, 145 tons of other coated wire, 1,517 tons of barbed wire and 187 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in March of last year, the amounts being 2,525 tons and 3,296 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 8,058 tons from 7,663 tons in March, 1949.

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

	March, 1949		March, 1950	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	24,107(*)	6,521(*)	23,651	6,810
Galvanized	6,298	2,688	6,239	2,547
Other coated	232(*)	165(*)	219	145
Barbed	1,159	1,139	1,338	1,517
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	158	116	250	187
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,546	1,452	1,261	1,544
Clothesline wire	66	65	48	47
Other stranded wire	515	213	680	498
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	2,178	2,910	1,534	2,106
Woven wire lawn fencing	203	266	168	230
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	91	120	170	189
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,530	7,187	7,488	7,668
Cut nails, iron and steel	121	112	90	85
Wire staples, steel	192	181	204	186
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	177	145	99	109
Nails, aluminum	35	38	9	10

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

	Three months ended March, 1949		Three months ended March, 1950	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	66,711(*)	19,399(*)	64,833	18,252
Galvanized	17,824	8,096	16,881	7,123
Other coated	660(*)	495(*)	593	452
Barbed	3,023	3,318	3,694	3,359
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	496	448	732	513
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	4,342	4,239	3,578	3,613
Clothesline wire	186	185	161	131
Other stranded wire	1,340	921	1,533	1,186
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	5,965	7,201	4,948	5,681
Woven wire lawn fencing	550	506	437	343
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	295	301	463	389
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	21,263	22,321	21,136	19,537
Cut nails, iron and steel	289	253	287	242
Wire staples, steel	515	511	204	186
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	510	365	99	109
Nails, aluminum	84	88	54	53

(*) Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March, 1950 and Three Months Ended March, 1950

Item	March, 1950		Three months ended March, 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.	14,400	2,953	124,200	23,651
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	68,300	11,385	350,300	58,863
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,420,900	231,646	6,985,000	720,127
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material	39,000	8,733	127,900	26,981
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	535,600	73,927	937,300	166,297
Wire for upholstery springs	965,100	70,666	1,706,500	123,341

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

Item	March, 1950		Three months ended March, 1950	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ...	14,000	5,360	91,100	31,083
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	...	...	2,000	951
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	957	...	957
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	3,624	...	3,707
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	...	...
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	489,600	100,770	1,867,600	318,652
Barbed wire fencing	600	44	102,700	8,212
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	1,521	...	5,901
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	8,008	...	26,331
Cut nails	100,900	7,733	159,400	15,147
Tacks of all kinds	7,919	4,016	11,576	5,261
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	355,500	38,341	950,000	91,987
Nails and brads	14,870	6,722	45,150	18,990

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March, 1950 and Three Months Ended March, 1950

Item	March, 1950		Three months ended March, 1950	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	...	...
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	117,150	...	202,779
Woven wire fencing .....	...	3,644	...	3,644
Wire nails .....	...	...	...	...
Tacks	36,700	6,555	95,300	18,553
Nails and brads, other	16,900	1,381	24,300	2,057

