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Vol.5-No.4STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTSPrice 15 centsAPRIL - 1950

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,236 tons in April, 1950 compared with 9,367 tons in the corresponding month of 1949. This month's total included 5,218 tons of plain wire, 2,180 tons of galvanized wire, 158 tons of other coated wire, 1,560 tons of barbed wire and 120 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in April of last year, the amounts being 2,580 tons and 2,893 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 7,175 tons from 7,734 tons in April, 1949.

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

	April, 1949		April, 1950	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	22,027(★)	5,597(★)	20,171	5,218
Galvanized	5,745	2,123	5,225	2,180
Other coated	234(★)	163(★)	202	158
Barbed	1,058	1,214	1,118	1,560
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	282	270	230	120
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,369	1,535	1,139	1,369
Clothesline wire	59	73	68	69
Other stranded wire	311	329	415	707
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	2,034	2,489	1,314	2,072
Woven wire lawn fencing	166	228	182	316
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	136	176	203	192
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,671	7,289	6,792	6,772
Cut nails, iron and steel	101	111	73	85
Wire staples, steel	159	193	110	230
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	166	111	100	75
Nails, aluminum	31	30	12	13

(★) Revised.

Note: This report was prepared in the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Section.



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

	Four months ended April, 1949		Four months ended April, 1950	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	88,738(★)	24,496(★)	85,004	23,470
Galvanized	23,569	10,219	22,106	9,303
Other coated	894(★)	658(★)	795	610
Barbed	4,081	4,532	4,812	4,919
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	778	718	962	633
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	5,711	5,774	4,717	4,982
Clothesline wire	245	258	229	200
Other stranded wire	1,651	1,250	1,948	1,893
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	7,999	9,690	6,262	7,753
Woven wire lawn fencing	716	734	619	659
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	431	477	666	581
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	28,934	29,610	27,928	26,309
Cut nails, iron and steel	390	364	360	327
Wire staples, steel	674	704	652	678
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	676	476	378	393
Nails, aluminum	115	118	66	66

(★) Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, April, 1950 and Four Months Ended April, 1950

Item	April, 1950		Four months ended April, 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. ...	59,600	9,597	183,800	33,348
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	407,300	27,836	757,600	86,699
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,663,700	263,549	9,648,700	983,676
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material ...	39,400	7,896	167,300	34,877
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	310,500	45,317	1,247,800	211,614
Wire for upholstery springs	299,700	21,604	2,006,200	144,945

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, April, 1950 and Four Months Ended April, 1950 (Concluded)

Item	April, 1950		Four months ended April, 1950	
	pounds	\$	pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ..	24,300	11,605	115,400	42,688
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	2,200	765	4,200	1,716
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. .	...	995	...	1,952
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	116	...	3,823
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	...	...
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	414,600	89,939	2,282,200	408,591
Barbed wire fencing	10,100	799	112,800	9,011
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	3,313	...	9,214
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	14,077	...	40,408
Cut nails	87,000	6,538	246,400	21,685
Tacks of all kinds	3,074	1,198	14,650	6,459
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	618,100	49,557	1,568,100	141,544
Nails and brads	48,952	10,320	94,102	29,310

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, April, 1950 and Four Months Ended April, 1950

Item	April, 1950		Four months ended April, 1950	
	pounds	\$	pounds	\$
Barbed wire	2,900	267	2,900	267
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	25,802	...	228,581
Woven wire fencing .....	...	4,322	...	7,966
Wire nails	1,200	97	1,200	97
Tacks	45,900	7,649	141,200	26,202
Nails and brads, other	700	126	2,500	2,183

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