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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTSOCTOBER - 1951

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 10,444 tons in October 1951, compared with 10,487 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 6,368 tons of plain wire, 2,733 tons of galvanized wire, 179 tons of other coated wire, 1,019 tons of barbed wire and 145 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in October of last year, the amounts being 1,264 tons and 1,081 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 8,123 tons from 7,856 tons in October, 1950.

Table 1 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, October, 1951 with Comparative Totals for October, 1950

	October - 1950		October - 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	24,196	6,773	26,175	6,368
Galvanized .....	5,499	2,835	6,318	2,733
Other coated .....	161	168	249	179
Barbed .....	619	550	1,105	1,019
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	194	161	315	145
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	1,335	1,438	1,804	2,089
Clothesline wire .....	49	43	76	52
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	437	436	432	538
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	966	792	1,433	943
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	40	35	98	18
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ....	272	254	393	303
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	8,132	7,856	8,573	8,123
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	93	95	118	103
Wire staples, steel .....	144	109	202	187
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	137	154	133	117
Nails, aluminum .....	38	39	13	13

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Table 2 - Production of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Ten Months Ended October, 1951, with Comparative Totals for Corresponding Period, 1950

	Ten months ended October, 1950		Ten months ended October, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	214,155	59,553	238,461	64,498
Galvanized .....	53,953	24,727	55,370	24,229
Other coated .....	1,819	1,599	2,007	1,780
Barbed .....	10,279	10,242	8,957	9,248
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	2,331	1,528	3,112	1,535
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	13,200	14,190	16,298	18,495
Clothesline wire .....	532	476	685	720
Other stranded wire .....	4,457	4,420	4,288	4,280
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	13,627	15,572	14,218	15,785
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	1,368	1,522	1,272	1,190
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)...	2,607	2,437	2,941	2,844
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	71,425	70,114	74,394	73,799
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	825	821	1,184	1,202
Wire staples, steel .....	1,685	1,669	1,433	1,691
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	1,028	1,342	1,294	1,208
Nails, aluminum .....	253	253	382	376

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, October, 1951 and Ten Months Ended October, 1951

Item	October, 1951		Ten months ended October, 1951	
	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. ....	80,000	14,835	1,178,700	216,068
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	3,749,500	479,960	31,807,000	3,575,713
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	312,700	31,837	2,536,300	343,422
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material ....	92,700	15,838	968,600	196,077
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	443,400	127,249	7,430,300	1,243,208
Wire for upholstery springs .....	519,700	40,201	8,764,800	718,655
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ....	23,700	6,624	258,100	88,923



Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, October, 1951 and Ten Months Ended October, 1951 (Concluded)

Item	October, 1951		Ten months ended October, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	5,100	2,379	30,300	11,602
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	...	...	5,034
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	1,220	...	10,548
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	88,700	7,227	279,400	23,370
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	2,173,100	268,713	19,790,500	2,430,580
Barbed wire fencing .....	328,900	54,672	669,900	80,090
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	2,652	...	34,492
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	7,479	...	127,693
Cut nails .....	47,200	4,436	1,259,400	126,827
Tacks of all kinds .....	5,500	1,327	38,382	12,636
Wire nails over 1 inch and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	1,819,600	152,796	18,219,600	1,614,948
Nails and brads .....	30,562	10,598	566,257	130,565

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, October, 1951 and Ten Months Ended October, 1951

Item	October, 1951		Ten months ended October, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	200	20	43,100	3,481
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	36,411	...	241,605
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	7,942
Wire nails .....	3,000	435	61,300	7,874
Tacks .....	101,500	22,198	620,400	129,195
Nails and brads, other .....	5,000	938	71,000	10,575



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