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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

NOVEMBER - 1951

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,105 tons in November, 1951, compared with 10,495 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 7,188 tons of plain wire, 2,840 tons of galvanized wire, 188 tons of other coated wire, 750 tons of barbed wire and 139 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in November of last year, the amounts being 1,162 tons and 754 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 8,210 tons from 7,722 tons in November, 1950.

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

	November, 1950		November, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	23,475	6,905	26,969	7,188
Galvanized	5,386	2,626	6,309	2,840
Other coated	247	122	190	188
Barbed	713	770	1,034	750
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	448	72	275	139
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,545	1,485	1,782	2,019
Clothesline wire	44	43	100	129
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	457	552	445	489
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,120	453	1,400	815
Woven wire lawn fencing	98	77	139	76
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	244	224	424	271
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,605	7,722	8,469	8,210
Cut nails, iron and steel	71	86	96	76
Wire staples, steel	110	117	238	153
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	151	168	138	105
Nails, aluminum	40	40	36	24

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

	Eleven months ended November, 1950		Eleven months ended November, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	237,630	66,458	265,430	71,686
Galvanized	59,339	27,353	61,679	27,069
Other coated	2,066	1,721	2,197	1,968
Barbed	10,992	11,012	9,991	9,998
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	2,779	1,600	3,387	1,674
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	14,745	15,675	18,080	20,514
Clothesline wire	576	519	785	849
Other stranded wire	4,914	4,972	4,733	4,769
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	14,747	16,025	15,618	16,600
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,466	1,599	1,411	1,266
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	2,851	2,661	3,365	3,115
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	79,030	77,836	82,863	82,009
Cut nails, iron and steel	896	907	1,280	1,278
Wire staples, steel	1,795	1,786	1,671	1,844
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,179	1,510	1,387	1,313
Nails, aluminum	293	293	418	400

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, November, 1951 and Eleven Months Ended November, 1951

Item	November, 1951		Eleven months ended	
	November, 1951		November, 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.	59,500	10,187	1,238,200	226,255
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	136,600	14,919	2,672,900	358,341
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	4,675,900	582,406	36,482,900	4,158,119
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	56,000	15,819	1,024,600	211,896
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	564,800	123,184	7,995,100	1,366,392
Wire for upholstery springs	1,608,500	122,635	10,373,300	841,290
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	36,100	11,466	294,200	100,389

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

Item	November, 1951		Eleven months ended November, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	600	328	30,900	11,930
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	9,131	...	14,165
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	871	...	11,419
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	72,600	6,103	352,000	29,473
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	3,195,200	366,129	22,985,700	2,796,709
Barbed wire fencing .....	...	...	669,900	80,090
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	302	...	34,794
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	5,621	...	133,314
Cut nails	5,100	1,631	1,264,500	128,458
Tacks of all kinds	4,037	2,029	42,419	14,665
Wire nails over 1 inch and wire roofing nails of all sizes	962,500	76,775	19,182,100	1,691,723
Nails and brads	80,229	18,678	646,486	149,243

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, November, 1951 and Eleven Months Ended November, 1951

Item	November, 1951		Eleven months ended November, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	43,100	3,481
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	19,046	...	260,651
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	7,942
Wire nails	1,100	90	62,400	7,964
Tacks	47,800	10,055	668,200	139,250
Nails and brads, other	2,700	493	73,700	11,068



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