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## STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 8,902 tons in December, 1951, compared with 10,055 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 5,894 tons of plain wire, 2,236 tons of galvanized wire, 152 tons of other coated wire, 509 tons of barbed wire and 111 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in December of last year, the amounts being 582 tons and 512 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,303 tons from 6,596 tons in December, 1950.

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

	STATISTICS CANADA		December, 1950		December, 1951	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>	Aug 18 1967					
Plain .....	LIBRARY..		21,160	6,472	23,051	5,894
Galvanized .....	BIBLIOTHEQUE		4,891	2,552	5,719	2,236
Other coated .....			163	177	162	152
Barbed .....			737	695	750	509
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....			274	159	320	111
<u>Wire rope -</u>						
Steel wire rope .....			1,479	1,348	1,659	1,555
Clothesline wire .....			54	52	88	81
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....			374	201	475	400
<u>Wire fencing -</u>						
Woven wire farm fencing .....			1,088	271	1,230	385
Woven wire lawn fencing .....			112	33	119	2
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...			192	208	259	195
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>						
Wire nails, iron and steel .....			6,396	6,596	7,354	6,303
Cut nails, iron and steel .....			92	81	50	37
Wire staples, steel .....			77	77	162	63
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....			135	156	102	62
Nails, aluminum .....			38	38	17	23

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

	Twelve months ended December, 1950		Twelve months ended December, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain .....	258,790	72,930	288,481	77,580
Galvanized .....	64,230	29,905	67,398	29,305
Other coated .....	2,229	1,898	2,359	2,120
Barbed .....	11,729	11,707	10,741	10,507
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	3,053	1,759	3,707	1,785
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	16,224	17,023	19,739	22,069
Clothesline wire .....	630	571	873	930
Other stranded wire .....	5,288	5,173	5,208	5,169
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	15,835	16,296	16,848	16,985
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	1,578	1,632	1,530	1,268
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	3,043	2,869	3,624	3,310
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	85,426	84,432	90,217	88,312
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	988	988	1,330	1,315
Wire staples, steel .....	1,872	1,863	1,833	1,907
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	1,314	1,666	1,489	1,375
Nails, aluminum .....	331	331	435	423

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, December, 1951 and Twelve Months Ended December, 1951

Item	December, 1951		Twelve months ended December, 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. ....	12,700	3,559	1,250,900	229,814
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	210,300	20,891	2,883,200	379,232
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	5,105,600	600,936	41,588,500	4,759,055
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ...	70,400	17,749	1,095,000	229,645
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	830,000	106,119	8,825,100	1,472,511
Wire for upholstery springs .....	643,300	47,749	11,016,600	889,039
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ....	1,200	1,002	295,400	101,391



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

Item	December, 1951		Twelve months ended December, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	3,200	1,139	34,100	13,069
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	393	...	14,558
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	2,239	...	13,658
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	352,000	29,473
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	2,325,000	252,220	25,310,700	3,048,929
Barbed wire fencing .....	83,000	8,752	752,900	88,842
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	3,533	...	38,327
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	10,396	...	143,710
Cut nails .....	2,000	345	1,266,500	128,803
Tacks of all kinds .....	273	226	42,692	14,891
Wire nails over 1 inch and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	973,600	78,880	20,201,400	1,770,603
Nails and brads .....	26,087	6,518	672,573	155,761

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, December, 1951 and Twelve Months Ended December, 1951

Item	December, 1951		Twelve months ended December, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	43,100	3,481
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	32,906	...	293,557
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	7,942
Wire nails .....	10,900	1,092	73,300	9,056
Tacks .....	82,700	39,392	750,900	178,642
Nails and brads, other .....	26,500	3,213	100,200	14,281



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