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## STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,707 tons in February, 1951 compared with 8,892 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 6,287 tons of plain wire, 2,001 tons of galvanized wire, 152 tons of other coated wire, 1,188 tons of barbed wire and 79 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in February of last year, the amounts being 2,300 tons and 1,764 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 6,878 tons from 5,791 tons in February, 1950.

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

	February, 1950		February, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<b>Steel Wire -</b>				
Plain .....	20,763	5,649	21,321	6,287
Galvanized .....	5,507	1,943	4,877	2,001
Other coated .....	172	155	162	152
Barbed .....	1,103	1,016	959	1,188
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	225	129	255	79
<b>Wire Rope -</b>				
Steel wire rope .....	1,162	1,056	1,754	1,829
Clothesline wire .....	64	40	43	44
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	406	319	390	253
<b>Wire Fencing -</b>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	1,701	1,616	1,296	1,907
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	123	56	118	158
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	154	92	238	235
<b>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</b>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	6,549	5,791	6,598	6,878
Cut nails, iron and Steel .....	90	70	91	120
Wire staples, steel .....	199	157	118	123
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	86	104	139	154
Nails, aluminum .....	21	19	53	54

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

	Two months ended February, 1950		Two months ended February, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	41,182	11,442	46,913	13,329
Galvanized .....	10,642	4,576	11,148	4,414
Other coated .....	374	307	360	306
Barbed .....	2,356	1,842	2,081	2,153
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	482	326	592	282
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	2,317	2,069	3,589	3,785
Clothesline wire .....	113	84	131	138
Other stranded wire .....	853	688	747	624
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	3,414	3,575	2,884	3,923
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	269	113	263	279
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	293	200	475	404
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	13,648	11,869	14,418	13,925
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	197	157	205	235
Wire staples, steel .....	338	262	278	291
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	179	209	266	305
Nails, aluminum .....	45	43	91	84

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1951 and Two Months Ended February, 1951

Item	February, 1951		Two months ended February, 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. ...	138,400	22,453	188,700	32,141
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	242,300	39,734	368,700	59,407
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	1,753,500	176,994	4,927,500	502,793
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material ...	78,400	17,561	158,400	35,751





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

Item	February, 1951		Two months ended February, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	578,700	90,194	1,287,700	208,342
Wire for upholstery springs .....	830,900	63,445	1,615,900	122,612
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ..	24,500	9,559	56,200	19,647
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	700	254	2,500	754
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. .	...	263	...	1,111
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	2,249
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	61,900	5,010
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	1,198,900	176,086	2,487,900	373,586
Barbed wire fencing .....	...	...	41,000	3,283
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	...	...	250
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	4,623	...	11,152
Cut nails .....	226,200	19,427	357,600	34,617
Tacks of all kinds .....	683	518	5,557	2,376
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	1,173,300	99,009	2,054,000	168,465
Nails and brads .....	32,708	11,028	84,386	24,275

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1951 and Two Months Ended February, 1951

Item	February, 1951		Two months ended February, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	40,000	3,213
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	11,526	...	72,862
Woven wire fencing .....	...	174	...	248
Wire nails .....	...	...	10,300	688
Tacks .....	89,900	17,734	98,200	19,547
Nails and brads, other .....	10,000	858	33,000	4,683

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