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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTSMARCH - 1951

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 10,445 tons in March, 1951 compared with 11,206 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 6,526 tons of plain wire, 2,448 tons of galvanized wire, 202 tons of other coated wire, 1,039 tons of barbed wire and 230 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in March of last year, the amounts being 2,562 tons and 2,525 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,689 tons from 7,668 tons in March, 1950.

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

	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	March - 1950		March - 1951	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>	A88 18 1987					
Plain	BIBLIOTHEQUE		23,651	6,810	23,890	6,526
Galvanized			6,239	2,547	5,868	2,448
Other coated			219	145	222	202
Barbed			1,338	1,517	930	1,039
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			250	187	345	230
<u>Wire Rope -</u>						
Steel wire rope			1,261	1,544	1,770	1,993
Clothesline wire			48	47	52	49
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)			680	498	436	307
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>						
Woven wire farm fencing			1,534	2,106	1,428	2,171
Woven wire lawn fencing			168	230	165	142
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..			170	189	244	249
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>						
Wire nails, iron and steel			7,488	7,668	7,571	7,689
Cut nails, iron and steel			90	85	118	125
Wire staples, steel			204	186	126	146
Tacks of steel, brass and copper			99	109	143	157
Nails, aluminum			9	10	49	49

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

	Three months ended March - 1950		Three months ended March - 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	64,833	18,252	70,803	19,855
Galvanized	16,881	7,123	17,016	6,862
Other coated	593	452	582	508
Barbed	3,694	3,359	3,011	3,192
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	732	513	937	512
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	3,578	3,613	5,359	5,778
Clothesline wire	161	131	183	187
Other stranded wire	1,533	1,186	1,183	931
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	4,948	5,681	4,312	6,094
Woven wire lawn fencing	437	343	428	421
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	463	389	719	653
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	21,136	19,537	21,989	21,614
Cut nails, iron and steel	287	242	323	360
Wire staples, steel	542	448	404	437
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	278	318	409	462
Nails, aluminum	54	53	140	133

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March 1951 and Three Months Ended March, 1951

Item	March - 1951		Three months ended March - 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.	260,300	48,268	449,000	80,409
Wire or iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	221,600	41,546	590,300	100,953
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,386,200	252,753	7,313,700	755,546
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material	124,100	19,685	282,500	55,436
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	1,007,600	161,149	2,295,300	369,491
Wire for upholstery springs	816,100	60,362	2,432,000	182,974
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	43,000	14,426	99,200	34,073

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

Item	March - 1951		Three months ended March - 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	2,400	819	4,900	1,573
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	417	...	1,528
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	3,731	...	5,980
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	61,900	5,010
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,987,100	238,883	4,475,000	612,469
Barbed wire fencing	42,000	2,356	83,000	5,639
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	934	...	1,184
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	9,082	...	20,234
Cut nails	91,700	13,102	449,300	47,719
Tacks of all kinds	959	625	6,516	3,001
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	674,500	59,718	2,728,500	228,183
Nails and brads	43,794	13,018	128,180	37,293

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March, 1951 and Three Months Ended March, 1951

Item	March - 1951		Three months ended March - 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	40,000	3,213
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	9,815	...	82,677
Woven wire fencing .....	...	270	...	518
Wire nails	2,500	185	12,800	873
Tacks	27,500	6,128	125,700	25,675
Nails and brads, other	700	158	33,700	4,841

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