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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

APRIL - 1951

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,166 tons in April, 1951 compared with 9,236 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 7,048 tons of plain wire, 2,561 tons of galvanized wire, 215 tons of other coated wire, 1,156 tons of barbed wire and 186 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in April of last year, the amounts being 2,633 tons and 2,580 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 6,921 tons from 6,772 tons in April, 1950.

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

	April, 1950		April, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	20,171	5,218	25,588	7,048
Galvanized	5,225	2,180	5,951	2,561
Other coated	202	158	231	215
Barbed	1,118	1,560	834	1,156
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	230	120	423	186
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,139	1,369	1,760	2,051
Clothesline wire	68	69	84	64
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	415	707	360	367
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,314	2,072	1,759	2,075
Woven wire lawn fencing	182	316	215	246
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	203	192	303	312
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	6,792	6,772	7,075	6,921
Cut nails, iron and steel	73	85	118	116
Wire staples, steel	110	230	116	148
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	100	75	132	94
Nails, aluminum	12	13	45	42

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

	Four months ended April, 1950		Four months ended April, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	85,004	23,470	96,391	26,903
Galvanized	22,106	9,303	22,967	9,423
Other coated	795	610	813	723
Barbed	4,812	4,919	3,845	4,348
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	962	633	1,360	698
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	4,717	4,982	7,119	7,829
Clothesline wire	229	200	267	251
Other stranded wire	1,948	1,893	1,543	1,298
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	6,262	7,753	6,071	8,169
Woven wire lawn fencing	619	659	643	667
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing ..	666	581	1,022	965
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	27,928	26,309	29,064	28,535
Cut nails, iron and steel	360	327	441	476
Wire staples, steel	652	678	520	585
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	378	393	541	556
Nails, aluminum	66	66	185	175

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, April, 1951 and Four Months Ended April, 1951.

Item	April, 1951		Four months ended April, 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.	215,100	39,392	664,100	119,801
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	117,800	18,344	708,100	119,297
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	4,187,200	425,313	11,500,900	1,180,859
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material	164,400	35,587	446,900	91,123
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	839,600	157,150	3,134,900	526,641
Wire for upholstery springs	948,000	70,565	3,380,000	253,539
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	19,600	5,896	118,800	39,969

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

Item	April, 1951		Four months ended April, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	5,900	2,241	10,800	3,814
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	923	...	2,451
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	5,980
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	61,900	5,010
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	2,590,300	293,393	7,065,300	905,862
Barbed wire fencing .....	...	...	83,000	5,639
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	5,287	...	6,471
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	22,829	...	43,063
Cut nails	222,000	27,304	671,300	75,023
Tacks of all kinds	5,517	1,563	12,033	4,564
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,543,400	153,748	4,271,900	381,931
Nails and brads	57,651	10,788	185,831	48,081

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, April, 1951 and Four Months Ended April, 1951

Item	April, 1951		Four months ended April, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	40,000	3,213
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	7,301	...	89,978
Woven wire fencing .....	...	5,750	...	6,268
Wire nails	200	18	13,000	891
Tacks	58,300	10,874	184,000	36,549
Nails and brads, other	6,000	1,159	39,700	6,000



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