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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

MAY - 1951

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,066 tons in May, 1951 compared with 10,800 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 7,066 tons of plain wire, 2,823 tons of galvanized wire, 201 tons of other coated wire, 797 tons of barbed wire and 179 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in May of last year, the amounts being 2,673 tons and 3,211 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 8,368 tons from 7,449 tons in May, 1950.

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

	May, 1950		May, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Steel Wire -				
Plain	22,822	6,357	26,267	7,066
Galvanized	5,886	2,802	6,074	2,823
Other coated	213	176	245	201
Barbed	1,082	1,329	860	797
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, Qualities and finishes	250	136	387	179
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,574	1,742	1,920	2,285
Clothesline wire	68	56	73	111
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	441	429	517	524
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,586	2,486	1,741	2,091
Woven wire lawn fencing	227	389	198	248
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	288	336	312	334
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,665	7,449	8,233	8,368
Cut nails, iron and steel	81	70	151	227
Wire staples, steel	232	206	190	283
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	103	215	122	145
Nails, aluminum	16	12	59	57

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

	Five months ended May, 1950		Five months ended May, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	107,826	29,827	122,658	33,969
Galvanized	27,992	12,105	28,771	12,246
Other coated	1,008	786	1,058	924
Barbed	5,894	6,248	4,705	5,145
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,212	769	1,747	877
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	6,291	6,724	8,696*	9,771*
Clothesline wire	297	256	340	362
Other stranded wire	2,389	2,322	3,403*	2,165*
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	7,848	10,239	7,812	10,260
Woven wire lawn fencing	846	1,048	841	915
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing .	954	917	1,334	1,299
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	35,593	33,758	37,297	36,903
Cut nails, iron and steel	441	397	592	703
Wire staples, steel	884	884	710	868
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	481	608	663	701
Nails, aluminum	82	78	244	232

* Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, May, 1951 and Five Months Ended May, 1951

Item	May, 1951		Five months ended May, 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. ...	182,200	27,798	846,300	147,599
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	428,200	64,699	1,136,300	183,996
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,380,200	276,842	13,881,100	1,457,701
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material ...	127,400	17,952	574,300	109,075
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	956,400	180,439	4,091,300	707,080
Wire for upholstery springs	999,300	83,724	4,279,300	337,263

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

Item	May, 1951		Five months ended May, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays .	28,500	9,980	147,300	49,949
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	1,400	533	12,200	4,347
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p..	...	...	...	2,451
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	730	...	6,710
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	111,400	9,931	173,300	14,941
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,763,000	258,211	8,828,300	1,164,073
Barbed wire fencing	38,500	3,521	121,500	9,160
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	5,346	...	11,817
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	27,608	...	70,671
Cut nails	144,000	11,630	815,300	86,653
Tacks of all kinds	2,021	1,354	14,054	5,918
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	4,570,300	390,751	8,842,200	772,682
Nails and brads	74,550	24,025	260,381	72,106

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, May, 1951 and Five Months Ended May, 1951

Item	May, 1951		Five months ended May, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	400	3,213
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	27,964	...	117,942
Woven wire fencing .....	...	237	...	6,505
Wire nails	7	71	137	962
Tacks	719	17,101	2,559	53,650
Nails and brads, other	154	1,990	551	7,990

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