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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTSJULY - 1951

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,653 tons in July, 1951 compared with 8,605 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 6,342 tons of plain wire, 2,331 tons of galvanized wire, 172 tons of other coated wire, 666 tons of barbed wire and 142 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in July of last year, the amounts being 1,776 tons and 1,835 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,903 tons from 7,101 tons in July, 1950.

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

	July, 1950		July, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	16,314	5,250	20,274	6,342
Galvanized	4,552	2,172	4,773	2,331
Other coated	138	173	159	172
Barbed	663	845	634	666
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	168	165	285	142
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,166	1,269	1,057	1,448
Clothesline wire	30	29	91	71
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	355	406	331	501
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,315	1,280	1,251	1,313
Woven wire lawn fencing	123	126	80	70
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	350	429	269	393
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	5,118	7,101	6,545	6,903
Cut nails, iron and steel	58	72	98	109
Wire staples, steel	149	172	99	125
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	76	110	67	81
Nails, aluminum	29	29	23	29

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

1951 with Comparative Totals for Corresponding Period, 1950				
	Seven months ended July, 1950		Seven months ended July, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	146,566	41,215	167,924	47,085
Galvanized	38,431	17,122	39,217	17,221
Other coated	1,360	1,142	1,424	1,293
Barbed	7,858	8,276	6,232	6,730
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,678	1,121	2,290	1,165
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	9,020	9,602	11,412	13,143
Clothesline wire	381	330	499	508
Other stranded wire	3,212	3,121	3,274	3,138
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	10,945	13,518	10,248	12,751
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,229	1,408	1,072	1,128
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	1,697	1,682	1,965	2,025
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	48,522	48,248	51,757	51,924
Cut nails, iron and steel	578	549	827	932
Wire staples, steel	1,250	1,304	952	1,222
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	678	879	865	895
Nails, aluminum	131	132	315	309

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, July, 1951 and Seven Months Ended July, 1951

Item	July, 1951		Seven months ended July, 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. ...	31,700	8,718	982,900	178,169
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	270,000	28,795	1,892,200	263,271
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	3,708,500	418,424	21,044,100	2,268,664
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material ...	149,000	25,738	775,600	151,008
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	692,200	101,456	5,467,000	912,113
Wire for upholstery springs	765,400	75,981	6,375,600	522,671
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ...	15,700	8,689	185,800	66,858

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

Item	July, 1951		Seven months ended July, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	5,400	1,899	19,000	6,725
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	1,332	...	4,790
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	8,242
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	17,400	1,202	190,700	16,143
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	2,369,500	256,983	13,722,200	1,716,113
Barbed wire fencing .....	...	...	250,000	18,971
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	5,451	...	25,595
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	7,430	...	100,410
Cut nails	166,900	12,574	1,119,000	112,694
Tacks of all kinds	7,444	1,705	24,674	8,809
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,909,500	183,943	12,795,800	1,169,980
Nails and brads	52,464	13,006	445,304	102,139

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, July, 1951 and Seven Months Ended July, 1951

Item	July, 1951		Seven months ended July, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	600	67	42,900	3,461
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	16,726	...	161,889
Woven wire fencing .....	...	317	...	6,854
Wire nails .....	...	...	13,700	962
Tacks	117,800	24,259	425,800	86,853
Nails and brads, other	1,200	233	61,800	8,932



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