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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTSAUGUST - 1951

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 7,666 tons in August, 1951, compared with 7,626 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 4,720 tons of plain wire, 2,054 tons of galvanized wire, 136 tons of other coated wire, 663 tons of barbed wire and 93 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in August of last year, the amounts being 1,195 tons and 793 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 6,843 tons from 5,828 tons in August, 1950.

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

	August, 1950		August, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	19,481	4,945	20,969	4,720
Galvanized	4,556	1,838	4,803	2,054
Other coated	116	107	144	136
Barbed	945	655	805	663
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	120	81	239	93
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,600	1,674	1,512	1,566
Clothesline wire	54	53	64	71
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	434	507	404	416
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	839	523	1,122	944
Woven wire lawn fencing	67	43	54	28
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	247	227	258	223
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,326	5,828	6,948	6,843
Cut nails, iron and steel	64	90	114	89
Wire staples, steel	154	115	127	133
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	90	161	127	88
Nails, aluminum	34	33	26	26

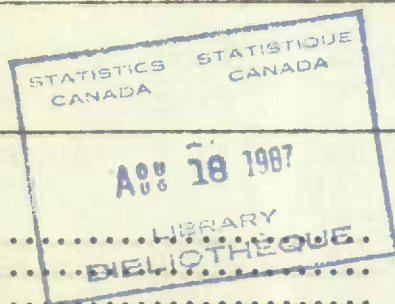


Table 2 - Production of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Eight Months Ended August, 1951 with Comparative Totals for Corresponding Period, 1950

	Eight months ended August, 1950		Eight months ended August, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	166,047	46,160	188,893	51,805
Galvanized	42,987	18,960	44,020	19,275
Other coated	1,476	1,249	1,568	1,429
Barbed	8,803	8,931	7,037	7,393
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,798	1,202	2,529	1,258
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	10,620	11,276	12,924	14,709
Clothesline wire	435	383	563	579
Other stranded wire	3,646	3,638	3,678	3,554
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	11,784	14,041	11,370	13,695
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,296	1,451	1,126	1,156
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .	1,944	1,909	2,223	2,248
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	55,848	54,076	58,705	58,767
Cut nails, iron and steel	642	639	941	1,021
Wire staples, steel	1,404	1,419	1,079	1,355
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	768	1,040	992	983
Nails, aluminum	165	165	341	335

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, August, 1951 and Eight Months Ended August, 1951

Item	August, 1951		Eight months ended August, 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. ...	83,200	14,008	1,066,100	192,177
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	250,300	34,819	2,142,500	298,090
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	3,015,700	348,164	24,059,800	2,616,828
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material ...	72,000	18,795	847,600	169,803

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

Item	August, 1951		Eight months ended August, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	602,700	106,745	6,069,700	1,018,858
Wire for upholstery springs	1,234,600	99,424	7,610,200	622,095
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ..	34,500	10,965	220,300	77,823
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	1,800	709	20,800	7,434
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. .	...	244	...	5,034
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	1,086	...	9,328
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	190,700	16,143
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	2,580,700	287,847	16,302,900	2,003,960
Barbed wire fencing	72,200	5,650	322,200	24,621
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	...	...	25,595
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	2,972	...	103,382
Cut nails	68,100	7,619	1,187,100	120,313
Tacks of all kinds	6,281	2,099	30,955	10,908
Wire nails over 1 inch and wire roofing nails of all sizes	2,035,000	165,714	14,830,800	1,335,694
Nails and brads	46,229	10,255	491,533	112,394

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, August, 1951 and Eight Months Ended August, 1951

Item	August, 1951		Eight months ended August, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	42,900	3,461
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	13,973	...	175,862
Woven wire fencing .....	...	194	...	7,048
Wire nails	1,300	124	15,000	1,086
Tacks	49,800	11,152	475,600	98,005
Nails and brads, other	1,400	250	63,200	9,182

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