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## STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,835 tons in September, 1951, compared with 10,660 tons in the corresponding month of 1950. This month's total included 6,325 tons of plain wire, 2,221 tons of galvanized wire, 172 tons of other coated wire, 836 tons of barbed wire and 132 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in September of last year, the amounts being 1,456 tons and 1,049 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,909 tons from 8,182 tons in September, 1950.

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

	September - 1950		September - 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	23,909	6,620	23,393	6,325
Galvanized .....	5,453	2,932	5,032	2,221
Other coated .....	182	182	190	172
Barbed .....	857	761	815	836
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	339	165	268	132
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	1,239	1,476	1,570	1,697
Clothesline wire .....	48	50	46	89
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	342	327	478	544
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	877	739	1,415	1,147
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	32	36	48	16
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	391	274	325	293
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	7,445	8,182	7,116	6,909
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	90	87	125	78
Wire staples, steel .....	137	141	152	149
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	123	148	124	108
Nails, aluminum .....	50	49	28	28

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

	Nine months ended		Nine months ended	
	September, 1950		September, 1951	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire-</u>				
Plain .....	189,950	52,780	212,286	58,130
Galvanized .....	48,440	21,892	49,052	21,496
Other coated .....	1,658	1,431	1,758	1,601
Barbed .....	9,660	9,692	7,852	8,229
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	2,137	1,367	2,797	1,390
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	11,536	12,752	14,494	16,406
Clothesline wire .....	483	433	609	668
Other stranded wire .....	3,954	3,920	4,156	4,098
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	12,661	14,780	12,785	14,842
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	1,328	1,487	1,174	1,172
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	2,335	2,183	2,548	2,541
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	63,293	62,258	65,821	65,676
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	732	726	1,066	1,099
Wire staples, steel .....	1,541	1,560	1,231	1,504
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	891	1,188	1,116	1,091
Nails, aluminum .....	215	214	369	363

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, September, 1951 and Nine Months Ended September, 1951

Item	September, 1951		Nine months ended	
	September, 1951		September, 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. ....	32,600	9,056	1,098,700	201,233
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	81,100	13,495	2,223,600	311,585
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	3,997,700	478,925	28,057,500	3,095,753
Wire, steel, single or several, coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ....	28,300	10,436	875,900	180,239
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	917,200	97,101	6,986,900	1,115,959
Wire for upholstery springs .....	634,900	56,359	8,245,100	678,454
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ....	14,100	4,476	234,400	82,299

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

Item	September, 1951		Nine months ended September, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	4,400	1,789	25,200	9,223
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	...	...	5,034
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	9,328
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	1,907	16,143
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	1,314,500	157,907	17,617,400	2,161,867
Barbed wire fencing .....	18,800	797	341,000	25,418
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	6,245	...	31,840
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	16,832	...	120,214
Cut nails .....	25,100	2,078	1,212,200	122,391
Tacks of all kinds .....	1,927	401	32,882	11,309
Wire nails over 1 inch and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	1,569,200	126,458	16,400,000	1,462,152
Nails and brads .....	44,162	7,573	535,695	119,967

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, September, 1951 and Nine Months Ended September, 1951

Item	September, 1951		Nine months ended September, 1951	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	42,900	3,461
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	29,332	...	205,194
Woven wire fencing .....	...	894	...	7,942
Wire nails .....	43,300	6,353	58,300	7,439
Tacks .....	43,300	8,992	518,900	106,997
Nails and brads, other .....	2,800	455	66,000	9,637



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