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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

OCTOBER - 1952

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,810 tons in October, 1952 compared with 10,444 tons in the corresponding month of 1951. This month's total included 8,029 tons of plain wire, 2,963 tons of galvanized wire, 133 tons of other coated wire, 556 tons of barbed wire and 129 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in October of last year, the amounts being 715 tons and 1,264 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 7,104 tons from 8,123 tons in October, 1951.

Table 1 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

	October - 1951		October - 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	26,175	6,368	24,210	8,029
Galvanized	6,318	2,733	5,488	2,963
Other coated	249	179	151	133
Barbed	1,105	1,019	423	556
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	315	145	293	129
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,804	2,089	1,759	1,914
Clothesline wire	76	52	129	121
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	432	538	492	535
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,433	943	927	401
Woven wire lawn fencing	98	18	41	18
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	393	303	396	296
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	8,573	8,123	6,424	7,104
Cut nails, iron and steel	118	103	23	42
Wire staples, steel	202	187	149	87
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	133	117	139	122
Nails, aluminum	13	13	12	15

Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

	Ten months ended October - 1951		Ten months ended October - 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	238,461	64,498	239,314	71,716
Galvanized	55,370	24,229	57,874	26,650
Other coated	2,007	1,780	1,659	1,426
Barbed	8,957	9,248	8,791	8,525
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	3,112	1,535	2,447	1,144
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	16,298	18,495	18,273	19,009
Clothesline wire	685	720	790	817
Other stranded wire	4,288	4,280	5,915	6,331
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	14,218	15,785	13,926	14,819
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,272	1,190	1,017	1,098
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	2,941	2,844	2,942	2,599
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	74,394	73,799	70,791	70,851
Cut nails, iron and steel	1,184	1,202	458	523
Wire staples, steel	1,433	1,691	1,503	1,516
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,249	1,208	1,034	1,070
Nails, aluminum	382	376	132	131

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	October - 1952		Ten months ended October - 1952	
	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.	13,300	3,271	196,600	46,598
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	114,700	18,953	2,892,300	325,717
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	3,690,000	411,221	49,308,000	5,604,458
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ...	154,900	33,811	967,500	265,427
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	570,000	115,692	7,606,800	1,362,444
Wire for upholstery springs	734,900	51,015	4,384,500	313,427
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	38,400	12,640	94,100	30,542

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Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products (Concluded)

Item	October - 1952		Ten months ended October - 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	1,400	473	16,100	4,969
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	399	...	5,260
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	8,469
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	611,100	48,046
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,773,700	161,688	18,911,200	1,715,935
Barbed wire fencing .....	...	...	158,000	10,333
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	...	...	18,123
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	5,258	...	111,408
Cut nails	4,000	1,416	88,500	19,064
Tacks of all kinds	2,546	645	27,918	9,790
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	234,400	19,628	7,862,900	610,096
Nails and brads	30,173	9,187	256,013	74,335

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	October - 1952		Ten months ended October - 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	1,800	187
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	25,183	...	280,770
Woven wire fencing .....	...	268	...	1,854
Wire nails	1,100	129	226,000	18,080
Tacks	36,500	7,597	805,700	187,746
Nails and brads, other	3,100	368	72,000	10,890

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