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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,658 tons in February, 1952 compared with 9,707 tons in the corresponding month of 1951. This month's total included 5,958 tons of plain wire, 2,555 tons of galvanized wire, 189 tons of other coated wire, 824 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 February of last year, the amounts being 2,381 tons and 2,300 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,282 tons from 6,828 tons in February, 1951.

Table 1 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1952 with Comparative Totals for February, 1951

	February, 1951		February, 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	21,321	6,287	26,192	5,958
Galvanized	4,877	2,001	6,188	2,555
Other coated	162	152	214	189
Barbed	959	1,188	924	824
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	255	79	290	132
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,754	1,829	1,970	2,104
Clothesline wire	43	44	83	89
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	390	253	601	673
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,296	1,907	1,650	2,027
Woven wire lawn fencing	118	158	136	118
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	238	235	298	236
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	6,598	6,878	8,075	7,282
Cut nails, iron and steel	91	120	83	64
Wire staples, steel	118	123	186	139
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	139	154	120	112
Nails, aluminum	53	54	13	12

Table 2 - Production of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Two Months Ended February, 1952 with Comparative Totals for Corresponding Period, 1951

	Two months ended February, 1951		Two months ended February, 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	46,913	13,329	52,653	17,106
Galvanized	11,148	4,414	12,836	5,128
Other coated	360	306	411	361
Barbed	2,081	2,153	1,924	1,857
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	592	282	666	259
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	3,589	3,785	4,161	4,406
Clothesline wire	131	138	177	187
Other stranded wire	747	624	1,359	1,485
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	2,884	3,923	3,443	4,247
Woven wire lawn fencing	263	279	324	240
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	475	404	581	494
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	14,418	13,925	16,089	13,765
Cut nails, iron and steel	205	235	135	113
Wire staples, steel	278	291	380	278
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	266	305	223	219
Nails, aluminum	91	84	38	31

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1952 and Two Months Ended February, 1952

Item	February, 1952		Two months ended	
	February, 1952		February, 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.	21,200	5,750	55,400	15,896
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	282,200	30,256	340,000	37,469
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 23 ¹ / ₂ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	5,975,000	671,814	13,268,800	1,496,734
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p. or covered with any material	59,200	22,350	137,900	38,926
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	668,700	114,753	1,627,800	325,908

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1952 and Two Months Ended February, 1952 (Concluded)

Item	February, 1952		Two months ended February, 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for upholstery springs	677,200	57,542	1,494,200	116,313
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	17,500	5,630	32,800	9,961
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	1,500	421	1,500	421
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ...	...	1,320	...	1,820
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	2,712	...	2,712
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	92,700	7,924	133,400	10,891
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	2,050,900	182,221	4,916,400	443,456
Barbed wire fencing .....	...	...	...	...
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	...	...	3,862
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	23,406	...	29,329
Cut nails	14,100	1,947	35,500	8,898
Tacks of all kinds	5,317	1,646	8,284	2,501
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,480,200	107,787	3,384,900	235,702
Nails and brads	31,185	9,267	45,791	14,174

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, February, 1952 and Two Months Ended February, 1952

Item	February, 1952		Two months ended February, 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	800	74
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	10,194	...	46,149
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	121
Wire nails	67,900	5,554	67,900	5,554
Tacks	54,100	12,263	142,600	33,046
Nails and brads, other	12,500	1,753	17,300	2,546



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