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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

APRIL - 1952

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,539 tons in April, 1952 compared with 11,166 tons in the corresponding month of 1951. This month's total included 7,131 tons of plain wire, 2,882 tons of galvanized wire, 184 tons of other coated wire, 1,226 tons of barbed wire and 116 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in April of last year, the amounts being 2,468 tons and 2,633 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,465 tons from 6,921 tons in April, 1951.

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

	<u>April - 1951</u>		<u>April - 1952</u>	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	25,588	7,048	26,261	7,131
Galvanized	5,951	2,561	6,349	2,882
Other coated	231	215	201	184
Barbed	834	1,156	960	1,226
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	423	186	256	116
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,669(*)	1,960(*)	2,198	2,129
Clothesline wire	84	64	79	88
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	451(*)	458(*)	564	645
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,759	2,075	1,688	1,969
Woven wire lawn fencing	215	246	93	232
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	303	312	220	267
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,075	6,921	7,542	7,465
Cut nails, iron and steel	118	116	54	62
Wire staples, steel	116	148	166	186
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	132	94	97	111
Nails, aluminum	45	42	15	14

(*) Revised.

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

	Four months ended April, 1951		Four months ended April, 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	96,391	26,903	103,519	30,499
Galvanized	22,967	9,423	25,677	10,724
Other coated	813	723	804	714
Barbed	3,845	4,348	3,890	4,336
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,360	698	1,144	524
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	6,776(*)	7,486(*)	8,524	8,752
Clothesline wire	267	251	341	363
Other stranded wire	1,886(*)	1,641(*)	2,651	2,826
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	6,071	8,169	6,745	8,109
Woven wire lawn fencing	643	667	519	638
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	1,022	965	1,072	1,029
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	29,064	28,535	31,182	29,098
Cut nails, iron and steel	441	476	206	226
Wire staples, steel	520	585	688	615
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	541	556	411	445
Nails, aluminum	185	175	64	54

(*) Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	April, 1952		Four months ended	
	April, 1952		April, 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.	18,900	4,572	83,900	23,549
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	459,900	46,807	1,117,400	121,904
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	7,504,000	864,688	27,449,800	3,136,443
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ...	161,500	32,181	426,200	96,490
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	883,300	200,077	3,377,800	648,099
Wire for upholstery springs	373,000	28,257	2,090,200	152,409

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

Item	April, 1952		Four months ended April, 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ....	...	...	39,500	12,154
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	2,300	819	5,100	1,685
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	815	...	3,083
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	4,140	...	6,852
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	109,000	9,427	242,400	20,318
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	2,559,400	211,387	10,107,200	891,696
Barbed wire fencing .....	...	...	1,600	79
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	928	...	5,591
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	5,195	...	66,543
Cut nails	4,100	1,159	58,300	12,987
Tacks of all kinds	2,706	1,455	11,990	4,938
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	533,700	47,300	4,823,400	361,133
Nails and brads	28,860	6,485	104,396	28,888

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	April - 1952		Four months ended April, 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	1,200	101
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	31,383	...	105,812
Woven wire fencing .....	...	354	...	475
Wire nails	40,700	3,194	109,600	8,870
Tacks	129,100	29,424	399,600	91,204
Nails and brads, other	9,600	1,245	41,900	5,725

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Table 1: Summary of Data			
Category	Sub-category	Value 1	Value 2
A	A.1	100	200
	A.2	150	300
	A.3	200	400
B	B.1	300	600
	B.2	400	800
	B.3	500	1000
C	C.1	600	1200
	C.2	700	1400
	C.3	800	1600
D	D.1	900	1800
	D.2	1000	2000
	D.3	1100	2200
E	E.1	1200	2400
	E.2	1300	2600
	E.3	1400	2800
F	F.1	1500	3000
	F.2	1600	3200
	F.3	1700	3400
G	G.1	1800	3600
	G.2	1900	3800
	G.3	2000	4000
H	H.1	2100	4200
	H.2	2200	4400
	H.3	2300	4600
I	I.1	2400	4800
	I.2	2500	5000
	I.3	2600	5200
J	J.1	2700	5400
	J.2	2800	5600
	J.3	2900	5800
K	K.1	3000	6000
	K.2	3100	6200
	K.3	3200	6400
L	L.1	3300	6600
	L.2	3400	6800
	L.3	3500	7000
M	M.1	3600	7200
	M.2	3700	7400
	M.3	3800	7600
N	N.1	3900	7800
	N.2	4000	8000
	N.3	4100	8200
O	O.1	4200	8400
	O.2	4300	8600
	O.3	4400	8800
P	P.1	4500	9000
	P.2	4600	9200
	P.3	4700	9400
Q	Q.1	4800	9600
	Q.2	4900	9800
	Q.3	5000	10000

Table 2: Detailed Data			
Category	Sub-category	Value 1	Value 2
A	A.1	100	200
	A.2	150	300
	A.3	200	400
B	B.1	300	600
	B.2	400	800
	B.3	500	1000
C	C.1	600	1200
	C.2	700	1400
	C.3	800	1600
D	D.1	900	1800
	D.2	1000	2000
	D.3	1100	2200
E	E.1	1200	2400
	E.2	1300	2600
	E.3	1400	2800
F	F.1	1500	3000
	F.2	1600	3200
	F.3	1700	3400
G	G.1	1800	3600
	G.2	1900	3800
	G.3	2000	4000
H	H.1	2100	4200
	H.2	2200	4400
	H.3	2300	4600
I	I.1	2400	4800
	I.2	2500	5000
	I.3	2600	5200
J	J.1	2700	5400
	J.2	2800	5600
	J.3	2900	5800
K	K.1	3000	6000
	K.2	3100	6200
	K.3	3200	6400
L	L.1	3300	6600
	L.2	3400	6800
	L.3	3500	7000
M	M.1	3600	7200
	M.2	3700	7400
	M.3	3800	7600
N	N.1	3900	7800
	N.2	4000	8000
	N.3	4100	8200
O	O.1	4200	8400
	O.2	4300	8600
	O.3	4400	8800
P	P.1	4500	9000
	P.2	4600	9200
	P.3	4700	9400
Q	Q.1	4800	9600
	Q.2	4900	9800
	Q.3	5000	10000