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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 12,123 tons in July, 1952 compared with 9,653 tons in the corresponding month of 1951. This month's total included 8,384 tons of plain wire, 2,711 tons of galvanized wire, 113 tons of other coated wire, 821 tons of barbed wire and 94 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in July of last year, the amounts being 1,550 tons and 1,776 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,684 tons from 6,903 tons in July, 1951.

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

	July - 1951		July - 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	20,274	6,342	24,956	8,384
Galvanized	4,773	2,331	5,750	2,711
Other coated	159	172	143	113
Barbed	634	666	952	821
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	285	142	220	94
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,057	1,448	1,249	1,322
Clothesline wire	91	71	117	111
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	331	501	423	497
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,251	1,313	1,301	1,251
Woven wire lawn fencing	80	70	68	51
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	269	393	359	248
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	6,545	6,903	7,145	7,684
Cut nails, iron and steel	98	109	42	32
Wire staples, steel	99	125	135	160
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	67	81	71	98
Nails, aluminum	23	29	9	9

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

	Seven months ended		Seven months ended	
	July, 1951		July, 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	167,924	47,085	178,370	52,742
Galvanized	39,217	17,221	43,741	19,225
Other coated	1,424	1,293	1,286	1,089
Barbed	6,232	6,730	6,865	7,337
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	2,290	1,165	1,873	856
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	11,412	13,143	13,258	13,860
Clothesline wire	499	508	604	621
Other stranded wire	3,274	3,138	4,397	4,598
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	10,248	12,751	11,109	13,129
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,072	1,128	882	1,053
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	1,965	2,025	1,947	1,919
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	51,757	51,924	53,228	52,669
Cut nails, iron and steel	827	932	360	377
Wire staples, steel	952	1,222	1,191	1,255
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	865	895	684	736
Nails, aluminum	315	309	90	84

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	July - 1952		Seven months ended	
	July - 1952		July - 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.	4,200	1,208	121,100	33,325
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	117,600	26,154	2,027,500	227,685
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,476,300	296,352	39,197,500	4,447,048
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ...	56,100	18,689	667,500	185,751
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	677,400	132,883	5,407,500	1,020,041
Wire for upholstery springs	2,200	155	2,649,400	190,088
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	900	206	48,900	15,441

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

Item	July - 1952		Seven months ended July - 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	4,900	1,326	14,000	4,278
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	...	...	4,008
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	8,469
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	523,700	40,901
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	313,800	61,758	13,858,500	1,246,767
Barbed wire fencing	26,800	1,038	149,700	9,629
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	361	...	17,435
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	4,856	...	86,309
Cut nails	13,800	1,537	75,700	15,441
Tacks of all kinds	1,298	698	16,459	6,650
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	986,900	67,907	7,041,200	533,323
Nails and brads	29,145	10,652	176,635	53,458

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	July - 1952		Seven months ended July - 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	1,800	187
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	52,373	...	185,670
Woven wire fencing .....	...	169	...	1,586
Wire nails .....	...	...	213,700	17,016
Tacks	27,800	6,041	647,700	151,809
Nails and brads, other	4,800	1,064	56,300	8,238

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