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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 13,207 tons in November, 1955, compared with 9,363 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 9,674 tons of plain wire, 3,149 tons of galvanized wire, 162 tons of other coated wire, 162 tons of barbed wire and 60 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in November of last year, the amounts being 791 tons and 606 tons, respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 8,944 tons from 5,035 tons in November, 1954.

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

Item	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	November, 1954		November, 1955	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
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Steel wire -						
Plain .....			21,823	6,711	33,059	9,674
Galvanized .....			4,664	2,347	6,263	3,149
Other coated .....			115	113	195	162
Barbed .....			382	75	486	162
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....			216	117	242	60
Wire fencing -						
Woven wire farm fencing .....			611	240	1,169	345
Woven wire lawn fencing .....			86	11	91	26
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .....			340	355	546	420
Wire rope -						
Steel wire rope .....			1,958	1,945	2,120	1,918
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less .....			137	142	157	147
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....			625	668	596	597
Nails, tacks and staples -						
Wire nails, iron and steel .....			6,819	5,035	9,658	8,944
Cut nails, iron and steel .....			65	58	87	74
Nails, aluminum .....			5	27	11	11
Wire staples, steel .....			87	6	139	101
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....			105	91	86	96

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Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Eleven Months Ended November, 1954 and 1955

	Eleven months ended November, 1954		Eleven months ended November, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<b>Steel wire -</b>				
Plain .....	237,154	67,606	284,219	86,256
Galvanized .....	55,939	26,124	64,874	31,355
Other coated .....	1,572	1,311	2,125	1,637
Barbed .....	7,462	7,995	9,000	9,071
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	2,053	1,188	1,661	870
<b>Wire fencing -</b>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	11,371	11,580	13,075	13,421
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	1,273	1,191	1,244	1,192
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	3,951	3,736	4,773	4,383
<b>Wire rope -</b>				
Steel wire rope .....	15,101	18,046*	19,791	20,730
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ..	1,103*	1,124	1,100	1,127
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	6,800*	6,475	6,635	6,880
<b>Nails, tacks and staples -</b>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	73,897	72,258	81,901	89,503
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	670	635	792	818
Nails, aluminum .....	77	97	84	86
Wire staples, steel .....	1,664	1,680	1,513	1,541
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	897	960	856	928

\* Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	September, 1955		Nine months ended September, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing .....	230,500	15,666	4,683,200*	324,600
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. ....	26,700	9,867	374,800	79,485
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	483,000	71,270	3,066,200	373,121
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ....	28,700	14,808	742,400	210,268
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	833,000	169,013	9,610,300	1,530,235
Wire for upholstery springs .....	695,900	64,893	1,803,400	161,302

\* Revised.



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

Item	September, 1955		Nine months ended September, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays .....	19,200	8,303	150,000	65,139
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	3,474,800	395,940	22,946,800	2,577,439
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ....	-	11,085	-	226,932
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	900	242	13,800	4,406
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	2,350,400	295,542	12,780,300	1,695,786
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	-	2,758	-	157,750
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	-	9,169	-	135,579
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	-	1,127	-	17,610
Cut nails .....	87,600	14,888	622,700	101,181
Tacks of all kinds .....	6,327	2,319	41,392	13,896
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	1,168,500	86,001	9,586,600	688,576
Nails and brads .....	25,619	8,727	259,755	74,016*

\* Revised.

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

Data on imports during October and November are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	October, 1955		Ten months ended October, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	-	-	11,000	951
Other wire of iron and steel .....	-	17,166	-	67,246
Woven wire fencing .....	-	-	-	3,539
Wire nails .....	58,000	6,672	924,900	98,781
Tacks .....	13,000	2,720	244,200	51,182
Nails and brads, other .....	53,600	8,370	190,900	26,283

NOTE: Data on exports during November are not yet available.

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